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Ministers concerned about BBC commentator's 'conflict of interest'

Inquiry into swim chief's lottery deals

By Craig Lord, Andrew Jennings, Dominic Kennedy and Philip Webster

A GOVERNMENT inquiry was promised last night into allegations that Hamilton Bland, the BBC's "voice of swimming", had been involved in a potential conflict of interests over the distribution of National Lottery money.

Mr Bland has an official role recommending which swimming pool bids receive lottery money. But, according to an investigation by *The Times* and Granada TV's *World in Action*, Mr Bland also has a profitable business as a consultant to those who want to secure lottery funding.

A third aspect of his business has been helping a company to win contracts to build pools, for which he has been paid 5 per cent commission.

The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) now intends to set up an independent inquiry into whether this poses a conflict of interest. It will be led by Mark Gay, a partner specialising in sports law at Herbert Smith solicitors, and he is expected to report next month.

Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, said that he, too, would be calling for a thorough inquiry. That is expected to be conducted by his department officials and the English Sports Council. Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, has also called for reassurances from the Sports Council, which has asked the ASA to take action.

Mr Smith told *The Times*: "There are alarming implications if these allegations are true. They will require the most rigorous investigation and I will want to ensure that it is carried out as rapidly as possible."

Concerns about Mr Bland's multiple business interests were raised by the Sports Council two years ago, but the ASA still renewed his £16,000-a-year contract as its facilities consultant. Mr Smith said: "The question that has to be answered was whether there was an investigation at that stage and whether it was strenuous enough."

Since then, more than £80 million has been allocated from the lottery to build new pools and the ASA is seeking a further £500 million for 19 more Olympic-size pools, 27 25-metre international competition pools and dozens of smaller pools.

Mr Bland, a former Olympic coach who commentates on swimming events for the BBC, lives in a secluded mansion and drives an Aston Martin, number plate SWW1M. He lost a home when a previous business went into voluntary liquidation in 1987, but manages a number of thriving businesses based on swimming.

He runs the ASA/Kelloggs awards scheme, which provides a large chunk of the governing body's income. Every time an ASA swimming badge is sewn onto a child's trunks — and there are expected to be 1.6 million of them this year — Mr Bland gets a share of the £1.10 prize.

He also promotes SwimGB, the ASA's brand of swimwear. He takes 25 per cent of the profits or losses from this business, which David Sparkes, the ASA's chief executive, claims has recently moved into profit. In the previous two years he paid his share of the losses.

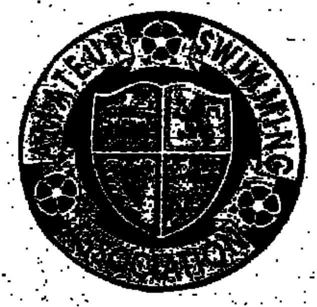
Mr Bland also received 5 per cent commission payments from an engineering company which won contracts for new pools, while he was at the same time giving advice to local authorities on how to build pools. Two of the councils advised by Mr Bland are considering legal action.

As the ASA's facilities consultant, a role he has held since 1988, Mr Bland is one of the first to know about almost every new public swimming pool proposed in the country. And as one of those involved in drafting the ASA's national Plan for Swimming, he was in a position to influence where pools should be built.

The ASA refers bids for new pools to Mr Bland before making a recommendation to the English Sports Council, which distributes lottery cash. Yet as a private consultant, he earns fees from voluntary organisations advising them on applications to the National Lottery to build pools. One proposed arrangement, for a group of Coventry schools, could earn him £100,000.

He does declare to the ASA which organisations he represents and plays no part in making recommendations on whether those pool bids should get cash.

Mr Sparkes said: "The documents I have been shown raise serious concerns. The ASA will be announcing an independent inquiry. Hamilton Bland is aware of it and has agreed to co-operate fully." Mr Bland, contacted by *The Times* on his mobile phone, declined to comment.



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ASHLEY COOMBES

Bland: former Olympic coach manages several thriving businesses based on swimming

Blair picks John Major's former aide as US envoy

By Philip Webster, political editor

CHRISTOPHER MEYER, a former Downing Street press secretary under John Major, has emerged as the surprise front-runner to take over the key diplomatic post of British Ambassador to Washington.

Tony Blair is understood to have decided that Mr Meyer, who became the British envoy in Bonn at the beginning of this year, is the candidate best placed to succeed Sir John Kerr, who will return to London in the autumn to head the Diplomatic Service.

The Prime Minister sees Mr Meyer as someone who can help him cement the warm relationship between London and Washington and the bond he has struck with President Clinton since May.

The decision, which will be announced shortly, is a victory for Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, who has argued against the job going to an outside candidate. Those mentioned included Pauline Neville-Jones, who left the Foreign Office after being passed over as Ambassador to Paris. On the cocktail circuit in Washington the name of Tina Brown, editor of *The New Yorker*, was mentioned, although it was never a serious possibility.

Mr Meyer, 53, is well-liked in Washington where he served between 1989 and 1993 as Trade Minister and later deputy head of Mission, before being recruited by Mr Major on secondment from the Foreign Office.

He is the archetypal Foreign Office high flyer known for his polish, charm and exuberance, as well as the bright socks that he wears beneath his sober suits.

In recent weeks there has been speculation that the job would go to leading Foreign Office figures such as Jeremy Greenstock, the political director, Paul Lever, European Union and economic affairs director, and Sir Stephen Wall, permanent representative to the EU.

But the spotlight has stayed off Mr Meyer because he has only recently taken over in Bonn.

However, Mr Blair, who first met him when he went to Washington while in Opposition and has since been impressed by him at all their meetings, and Mr Cook have decided he is the man they want.

According to informed Labour sources there is an increasingly close relationship between Mr Cook and Mr Blair, who is said to be pleased with the Foreign Secretary's conduct of his job.

Mr Meyer will have easy access to No 10. Jonathan Powell, Mr Blair's Downing Street chief of staff, worked under Mr Meyer at the Washington Embassy and the two are good friends.

Meyer: known for his polish and exuberance

Helicopter crash

A boy died when a helicopter pleasure flight organised by a Noel Edmonds charity crashed and burst into flames near the Scottish home of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Five other passengers were injured in the crash which happened after the helicopter had made an unscheduled landing ..... Page 3

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Eta killing condemned by Pope

STREET violence erupted in northern Spain yesterday after the murder of a town councillor by the separatist movement Eta.

Half a million people had rallied to try to save Miguel Angel Blanco, 29, who died in hospital after a two-day kidnapping ended on Saturday. His captors shot him twice in the head and dumped him in a lane.

The Pope denounced the killing as an "act of blood" and a "barbaric murder". France, which has a large Basque community, called it "cowardly". Britain condemned "this brutal killing".

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War on junk mail as data watchdog backs customers

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall editor

A CRUSADE to stanch the deluge of junk mail and the sale of personal information about customers without consent is to be undertaken by the data protection watchdog.

Elizabeth France, the data protection registrar, has already issued an enforcement notice against British Gas ordering it to stop disclosing details on its huge customer database to marketing organisations. Warnings have also been sent to London Electricity and Southern Electric. Miss France is ready to issue another four notices against three electricity companies and a water company.

In her annual report, to be published on Wednesday, Miss France will expose how the companies sell on personal customer details held on computers. The data can include, for example, how and when payments are made. She wants companies to draw up a code of practice to protect customers.

Supermarket loyalty cards are also being targeted. Miss France said: "If people choose to sell their privacy for air miles, that is their business. But it's my business to ensure they know what they're doing."

A television advertising campaign has already run in Scotland and the North of England explaining customers' rights and will eventually run throughout the country. People are advised to check information held on them because it might be wrong. If any company refuses, Miss France wants to hear about it.

British Gas has 28 days to conform to the enforcement notice, but Miss France expects the case to go before a data protection tribunal this autumn. In the event of an appeal, the case will be heard in the High Court.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is expected to increase Miss France's powers.

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Hill cheered as Villeneuve wins

Jacques Villeneuve won the British Grand Prix to close the gap on Michael Schumacher. But most of the cheers at Silverstone were for Damon Hill who came sixth and won his first point of the season .... Pages 25, 27.

Glenn Miller 'died in Paris prostitute's bed'

From Deborah Collcutt
in Bonn

THE American band leader, Glenn Miller, did not die in a plane crash over the Channel but in a French brothel, according to an investigative journalist in Germany.

The author of a new book about Germany's intelligence service claims that Miller's plane reached France and he died of a heart attack in the arms of a prostitute in Paris, the mass-circulation *Bild* reported at the weekend. The book, *Classified Matters*, due out this week, refers to US secret service files in making new claims about the jazz trombonist's death and a Second World War cover-up. Its author, Udo Ulfkotte, a respected journalist with the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, claims the circumstances of Miller's death were considered too distasteful to publicise and it was decided to fake a crash.

Miller, one of the most successful big band leaders of the 1940s, was at the height of his career, entertaining US troops in Europe when he died aged 40. The man who wrote *Moonlight Serenade* and *In the Mood* and boosted wartime morale playing 71 concerts for more than 250,000 troops, took off in a single-engine Norseman aircraft from RAF Twinwoods, near Bedford, with a pilot and another passenger on December 15, 1944. Miller was due to play a series of concerts in France but, according to the US military which announced his death, he never arrived.

No distress call was registered and no wreckage was sighted until 1985 when a British diver, Clive Ward, discovered the plane about 6½ miles off the French coast. There was no registration number on the aircraft and no human remains either inside or in the surrounding area.

Dr Ulfkotte, 37, writes in his book that US intelligence and military officials were informed that Miller had visited a prostitute in Paris and had collapsed in her bed.

He claims that files he stumbled upon in Washington while researching the book prove both Miller's family and the public were deceived. "It is a typical example of the cover-ups of that period," he told *Bild*.

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Sick leave delays end to BA disruption

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

BRITISH AIRWAYS' flights from Heathrow will be disrupted for at least the next three days because more than 1,800 cabin staff are still officially on sick leave.

While all 313 members of the militant Transport and General Workers cabin crew union who openly came out on strike have now reported for duty, only about 200 of the 1,983 who suddenly went sick when the strike was called have told BA that they are now fit enough to go back to work.

Many were given seven-day sick notes by their doctors just before the three-day strike began last Wednesday. As a result, despite the ending of the walk-out and all strikers reporting for normal duty, only 74 out of 122 scheduled short-haul European flights from Heathrow will operate today and only 75 on Tuesday. Only 41 long-haul flights out of 48, and only 32 of the planned 60 domestic services will run, BA said.

Gatwick, where short-haul and domestic services were only slightly affected by the dispute, should be completely back to normal by Tuesday.

"The three-day strike has had a significant and long-lasting impact," a BA spokeswoman said last night. "Many aircraft and staff are out of position because of the dispute, passengers have rebooked in anticipation of further disruption and with so many staff reporting sick the combination of problems has meant further regrettable problems for our customers." The strike action by members of the British Airlines Stewards and Stewardesses Association (Bassa) formally ended at 6am on Saturday. But throughout yesterday barely half of BA's Heathrow flights went ahead as planned. The airline cancelled 69 out of 120 short-haul flights, 15 out of 50 short-haul services and was able to fly only 18 out of 46 scheduled domestic operations.

Ironically many of the strikers who rang to say they were ready for duty were told to stay at home because, BA said, there were no aircraft available to put them on; or because so many passengers had cancelled, flights had been amalgamated.

New talks are expected on the dispute today and tomorrow, with no further official strikes being called for the time being. But the reasons for the continuation of the dispute are becoming increasingly arcane.

BA has given a written guaranteee that no cabin staff will be worse off as a result of the changes planned in their pay and conditions. It has offered increases of up to 24 per cent in basic pay in return for a cut in overtime and other allowances.

As part of an agreement already signed by the rival union, Cabin Crew '89, BA has given each of the airline's cabin staff a certificate promising to monitor their pay during the next three years and to ensure that no one loses out.

But one senior cabin crew member who went on strike said that he and his colleagues no longer trusted the BA management to stick to their promise. "What is going to happen in three years' time?" he said. "None of us has any trust in them."

Jim Welsh, chairman of Cabin Crew '89, said last night that the strike had been needless. "Even Bassa say that the agreements reached with us can stand," he said.

Pickets are likely to be outside BA's annual general meeting tomorrow, and protests are certain in the hall as so many staff are ow shareholders. Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman, is certain to give a robust and combative account of the strike to shareholders who are becoming increasingly concerned at the long-term damage to BA's reputation.

Hopes are high, however, that a settlement can be reached this week over a second dispute involving the sell-off of the airline's catering unit at Heathrow.

Carey to speak against gay clergy

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, is expected to give a strong traditional lead today on the issue of homosexuality among Church of England clergy.

Dr Carey, who is expected to state that all sexual relationships should take place inside marriage, represents a growing body of opinion in the Church angered by pressure groups who have attempted to force the issue of homosexuality to the top of the agenda.

Church leaders want Anglicans to concentrate on issues such as the Christian approach to the millennium, and the remaining few years of the Decade of Evangelism. But the church's lesbian and gay activists are determined not to let the matter rest until the Church has sanctioned the ordination of practising homosexuals.

According to a survey published yesterday by the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, about ten serving diocesan bishops, nearly a quarter of the total, have knowingly ordained actively gay priests. And the Rev Richard Kirker, of the movement, called on the Church to drop the "damaging and dishonest pretence that it is not ordaining homosexuals in considerable numbers".

Traditionalists and evangelicals strongly oppose the ordination of practising homosexuals and the Church's official line is one of opposition to same-sex relationships.

Some bishops have done their best to accommodate homosexual clergy, in spite of the Church's official view, out of recognition that their ministry can be as good if not better than that of their heterosexual colleagues. These bishops are now concerned that their tolerance and willingness to help is being described as hypocrisy.

☐ The Bishop of Liverpool, Dr David Sheppard, yesterday called for higher taxes to create full employment. Dr Sheppard, preaching at a service at York Minister, said: "If the whole Church really cared, we might change the climate of opinion in our country. Such a change in the climate wwould make some policies possible, like paying more tax, which politicians have shied away from."

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

STEVE FORREST

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LESBIAN & GAY CHRISTIANS

Lesbian and gay Christians outside the Synod yesterday. The feared disruptive protests did not materialise

NEWS IN BRIEF

Euro-MPs to question minister over beef

Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, will go before the European Parliament in Strasbourg tomorrow to explain how hundreds of tonnes of British beef were exported to the Continent despite a ban imposed 16 months ago (Michael Hornsby writes).

He will be questioned by a parliamentary committee set up a year ago to investigate "mad cow" disease, and will be accompanied by Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner.

The European Commission is considering whether to start legal proceedings against Britain for failing to enforce the trade ban, and Dr Cunningham has been warned that the lifting of the export embargo could be further delayed because of evidence of lax British controls after beef had been smuggled out of Britain via Belgium.

Thalidomide parents' claim

The parents of Georgina Harrison, four, who was born with deformed arms and legs are to begin a legal claim in which they maintain that birth defects caused by thalidomide can be inherited. Glenn and Deborah Harrison, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, will present their evidence to lawyers for Guinness, which took over Distillers, makers of thalidomide. They want £50,000 damages and are threatening legal action.

Buoy sabotaged by Greenpeace

Environmental protesters were accused of piracy after they sabotaged a buoy being used in the hunt for new oil reserves in the Atlantic. Greenpeace members went to sea in inflatable dinghies to remove the buoy's satellite antenna as part of an ongoing campaign. The buoy is vital to seismic tests carried out by the research vessel *Pacific Horizon* on behalf of oil companies, headed by Texaco, which are seeking reserves west of Shetland.

Man murdered at nightclub

A man was shot dead by two robbers as he stood talking to friends in the foyer of a Birmingham club early yesterday. West Midlands police believe Adriel Peters, 34, may have been killed when he started to argue with one of the men, who had handguns, at the Porsche club in Small Heath. He was shot once in the head in "cold-blood" and the robbers — both black men in their early 20s — may have taken his wallet and some jewellery.

Rare cricketing film discovered

Rare film of two great cricketers, Percy Fender and the Australian Don Bradman, has been found by the British Film Institute and will be shown to the public for the first time in 60 years. Fender is shown in coverage by Pathé News of a match between Sussex and Lancashire in the summer of 1913. The Bradman footage dates from 1930, his first momentous tour of England, and also shows his century at Trent Bridge in 1938.

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Prince joins Blair's jobs campaign

By Philip Webster

THE Prince of Wales has signalled his backing for the Government's welfare to work scheme by authorising talks this week on a link-up with the projects for jobless youngsters already available under his own Prince's Trust.

In one of a series of meetings this week with Cabinet ministers, the Prince will appear with Gordon Brown at a dinner, organised by the Business in the Community organisation, at which the Chancellor will call on companies to make welfare to work a success.

Amid private suggestions by senior ministers that the Prince is developing an increasingly warm relationship with the Government, he will today join Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, at the University of Strathclyde, where the minister is expected to urge Scottish employers to back the Prince's Trust.

David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, is to attend an event at the Prince's Highgrove home later in the week to promote primary school teaching. He is also expected to have lunch this week with Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary.

Blair accused of 'purge' over plan to vet candidates

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

TONY BLAIR is poised to take rigorous centralised powers over the choice of Labour's parliamentary candidates.

The move, designed to weed out "unsuitable" candidates, is being condemned by the Left as an attempt to turn Labour into an exclusive club of middle-class Blairites.

Labour has already moved to prevent local parties selecting low-calibre candidates in crucial by-elections; under arrangements that have operated during the last two Parliaments, the National Executive Committee picks a list of suitable names and allows the constituency to choose from it. But now the Prime Minister wants to ensure that the 600-strong list of potential parliamentary candidates, open to anyone who has been a party member for two years, is properly vetted.

Labour leadership sources reject the charges from left-wingers of a "purge" and claim that the move is designed to get more women, members of ethnic minorities, business people and other groups into Parliament. A report that goes to the NEC later this month says: "Past panels have included some highly unsuited members who have traversed the country seeking selection and occasionally been successful."

Under the plans, candidates who had been nominated by their local or regional parties would be called to weekend schools where they would undergo assessment, involving press conferences, public speeches and appearing on television.

Candidates will be required to demonstrate party experience and commitment, public service experience and grasp of policy issues. Mr Blair made plain in a speech on Saturday that there would be no going back on his reforms or on the plans to go before this year's conference to weaken the ability of conference to stand in the way of a Labour government's policy. Senior aides say that Mr Blair is constantly preaching the message to the party that "one term is not enough" and that it must continue to behave in a way that retains public trust.

Police vie for top two crime jobs

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

TWENTY senior police officers are competing for the two most important jobs fighting crime in Britain, each paying salaries of up to £99,000 a year.

The applications are for the post of the first Director-General of the new National Crime Squad and Director-General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service.

The jobs are open to chief constables and senior assistant chief constables and carry contracts of three to five years.

At one stage senior police debated joining the two agencies together under one super commander. The Association of Chief Police Officers eventually ruled this out and set the salaries for the two posts at the level of a middle-ranking to senior chief constable. As a result senior officers say that a number of potential candidates among chief constables and senior London officers have decided not to apply.

The new National Crime Squad comes into existence next April and will be created by an amalgamation of the current regional crime squads.

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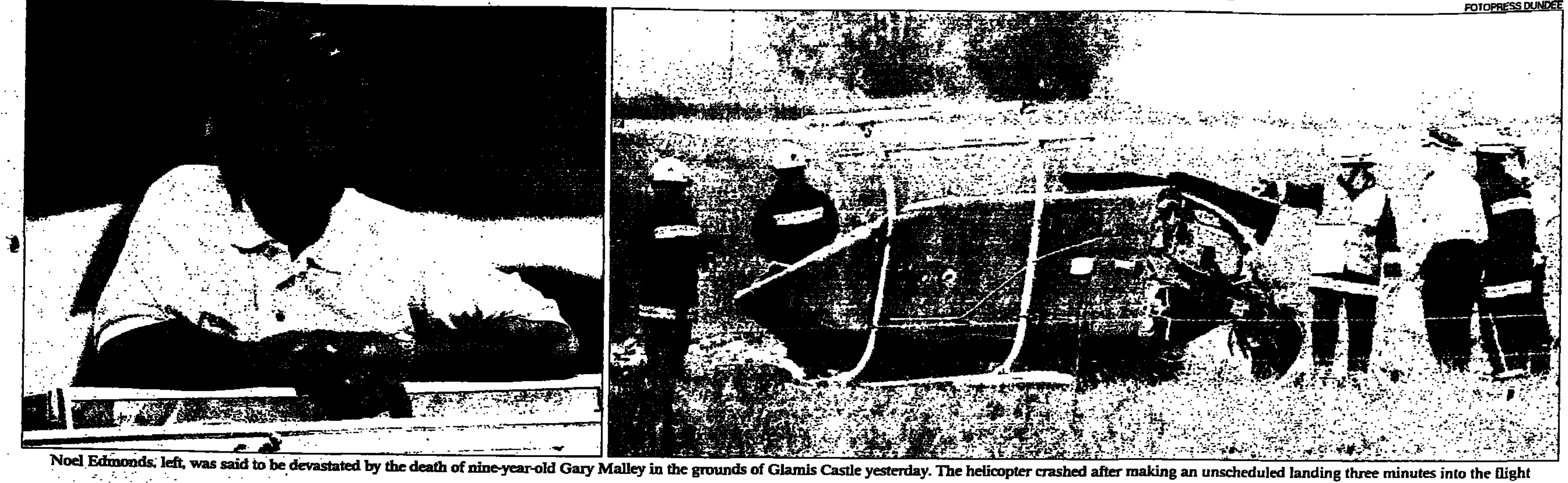


Noel Edmonds, left, was said to be devastated by the death of nine-year-old Gary Malley in the grounds of Glamis Castle yesterday. The helicopter crashed after making an unscheduled landing three minutes into the flight

Shirley English and Adrian Lee report on a flight for handicapped children that went wrong

A BOY died yesterday when a helicopter pleasure flight organised by a Noel Edmonds charity crashed and burst into flames near the Scottish residence of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Mr Edmonds was a star attraction at the event, in the grounds of Glamis Castle, Perthshire, the family seat of the Earls of Strathmore and the childhood home of the Queen Mother.

The television presenter said he was devastated by the death of Gary Malley, nine, of Dundee. Five others were injured in the crash, which was arranged to give handicapped and underprivileged children the chance to fly.

The helicopter apparently made an unscheduled landing three minutes into the flight and crashed when trying to take off again. Gary, who suffered from a serious speech impediment, was apparently thrown from the helicopter when it crashed in a field of bulls. The front section of the cockpit shattered as the helicopter fell on to its left-hand side and skidded 150 yards through fencing.

One theory is that the pilot was trying to find a safer place to land. Rescuers had difficulty reaching the wreckage because of the bulls' agitation.

The aircraft was owned by Tom Farmer, the millionaire founder of the Kwik-Fit exhaust chain. It was one of several taking children and their parents on rides from the Scottish Transport Extravaganza.

The injured — Ryan Nicoll, 11, Duncan Jones, 11, both of Dundee, Fraser Patrick, eight, and his father, Alan, 45, from Aberdeen, and the pilot, Bob Hobson — were taken to Dundee Royal Infirmary, where they were discharged after treatment for minor injuries.

Witnesses said a fire engine was on standby at the fête and the flames were extinguished before the fuel tank exploded. The flight had been organised by the Airborne Trust, a charity founded by Mr Edmonds to give under-privileged and handicapped children the experience of flying.

There had been heavy rain shortly before the crash. Two other helicopters at the festival, attended by several thousand people, were grounded but the event continued with most people unaware of the accident.

Kay Adam, 28, who lives at the farm, said: "The rain was torrential. I was in the house and heard a noise like a tree crashing. I saw the helicopter in the field and saw a group of people standing next to it. They were surrounded by bulls.

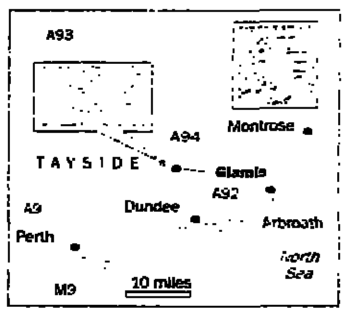
"I rushed to phone the emergency services and came across to the helicopter and got the kids up and into a shed in the farm. The field was full of bulls and when they get scared, they get very angry," she said.

Phil Ward, a friend of Mr Edmonds, said: "I know Noel and I know that he will be very upset. I just hope it has not put him off any of his fund-raising activities."

A spokesman for Airborne, which has organised 7,000 flights without incident, said: "Everyone connected with the charity is extremely upset at this terrible tragedy." The flights had been approved by the Civil Aviation Authority.

The Jet Ranger 206, regarded as the workhorse of commercial helicopters, has an excellent safety record and there are more than 7,000 in operation. A team of investigators from the Air Accident Investigation Branch is to produce a report will be sent to the procurator fiscal. Estate staff said the Queen Mother was not in residence.

Chief Superintendent Stewart Davidson, of Tayside Police, said:



"It appears that the helicopter may have been in the process of trying to take off again. But that is only speculation. Obviously, the pilot is shocked and we will need to interview him."

Listeners and MPs will fight Radio 4 cuts

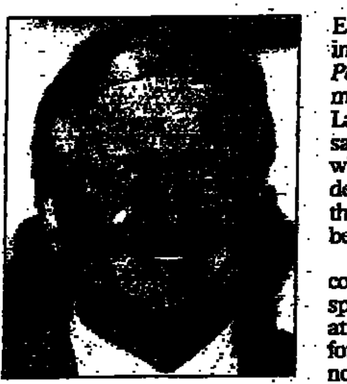
By Mark Henderson

RADIO 4 listeners were lining up yesterday to save up to 20 programmes earmarked for the axe by the station's new controller.

Shows such as *Start the Week*, *You and Yours*, *Going Places* and *The Afternoon Shift* are scheduled to go under a programme review to be put before the BBC Board of Governors on July 24. The blueprint for change has already been approved in principle by the BBC's executive management committee.

Shortened versions of *Farming Today* and *Yesterday in Parliament* are to incorporated within an extended *Today*, and other programmes, including *The Moral Maze* and *PM*, are to be moved from their peak-time slots. The 9.05am slot will be filled by a daily celebrity chat show. *Test Match Special*, the ball-by-ball cricket commentary on Radio 4 long wave, is also under threat from the review, qhich is scheduled to take effect in April.

James Boyle, the station's controller, has decided on the changes after six months of consultations. He hopes to persuade people who tune in only for the most popular programmes — *Today*, *The World at One* and *The Archers* — to stay tuned by introducing stronger programmes around them.



Ashton: despairs that programmes are cut

But Radio 4 listeners' groups and devotees of the threatened programmes said they would fight the plans. Rachel Mawhood of Radio 4 Watch, the organisation which saw off plans to remove the channel's long wave frequency in 1993, said Mr Boyle was squeezing out minority interest and highbrow discussion.

"The complaint is about 'dumbing down' and it seems to be a justified one," she said. "I think it appalling that *Start the Week*, a heavyweight programme, is to be replaced by celebrity interviews. It really gets up my nose that people think that just because people are famous they have something interesting to say."

Politicians are planning an Early Day Motion condemning the loss of *Yesterday in Parliament*'s verbatim Commons reports. Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, said: "I don't honestly know what the BBC is thinking of. I despair sometimes that worthy programmes like this are being taken off."

The BBC said it remained committed to high quality speech programming aimed at listeners in their thirties and forties. "We have absolutely no intention of dumbing down Radio 4. That is absolutely wrong," a spokesman said.

Good turn is timely reminder for widow

By Robin Young

WHEN time ran out for Malcolm Eccles his dying wish was that he should provide a timely reminder for his wife. So he had his ashes turned into an egg-timer.

Brenda Eccles, 42, had never been able to cook a soft-boiled egg without her husband's help. When Mr Eccles, a screen printer from Oldham, Greater Manchester, was diagnosed two years ago as suffering from bowel cancer he took his wife to a local beauty spot, Hollingworth Lake, to talk about his likely death.

Mrs Eccles said yesterday: "He said he had worked hard all his life and enjoyed it, so he could not see why he should stop working when he was dead. I cannot boil a soft egg to save my life. He knew that and said I should turn some of his ashes into an egg timer then he could help me and it would be a nice way of remembering him. He said, 'At least when you turn me over it will make you smile rather than make you cry'."

After her husband died last February, at the age of 50, Mrs Eccles complied with his suggestion in grand style, by having glassblowers and joiners construct a custom-built egg-timer one foot high to contain his ashes.

"I can see him up there laughing at me", Mrs Eccles said yesterday. "If people going through the same thing can get a smile or a laugh out of it too, then it be well worth while."

Mrs Eccles added: "Malcolm was as daft as a brush. He had a good sense of humour which he kept right through to the end."

Sweet-toothed teenager is Dublin's first Internet thief

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

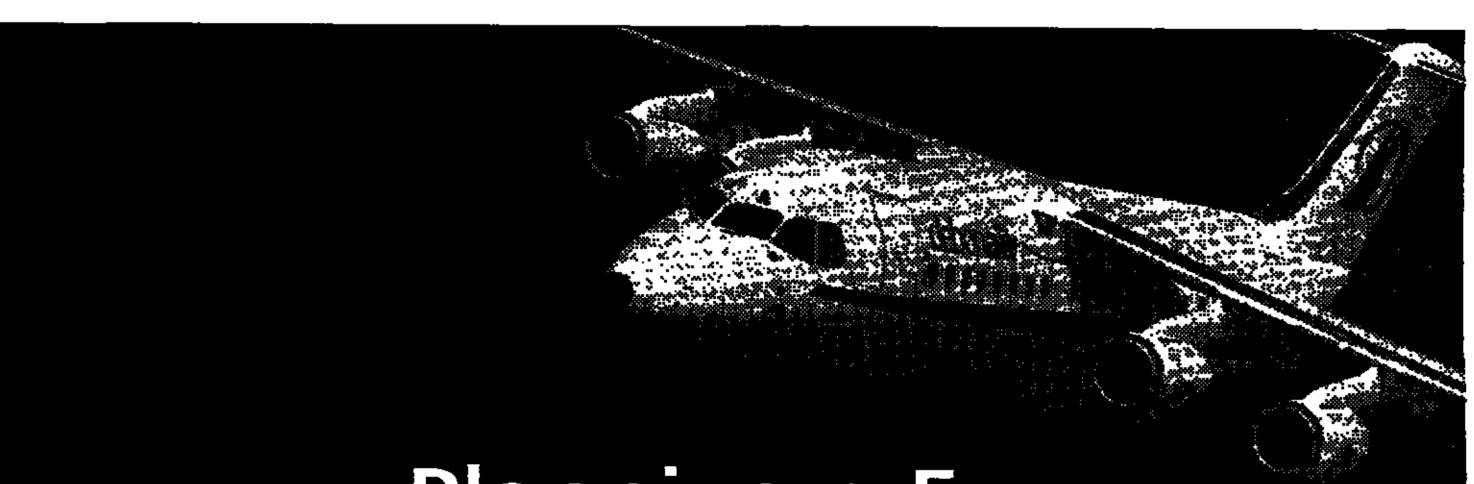
A TEENAGE boy with a sweet tooth has become Ireland's first Internet criminal after ordering £1,600 of chocolate on the credit card of an unwitting Argentinian.

The case began last month in a middle-class home in Sutton, north Dublin, where a 15-year-old boy was surfing the Net on his parents' computer. He chanced upon an American company offering home deliveries of chocolate. The boy called up the order form, filled in his name and address and lodged an order for $2,000 of Dairy Milk Toffee Crisp and Mars bars. Further prompts asked for his credit card number. He made one up, typing in 16 digits at random. Four days later, while his parents were out, the courier arrived with three large containers of chocolate. The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, paid the required £40 stamp duty and stashed the bounty in his room. He and his young friend began to sample the chocolate delights.

Meanwhile, the credit card holder in Argentina was distressed to discover that he had paid $2,000 to an American company supplying chocolates. He denied any knowledge of the order and the hunt for the missing sweets began. The American suppliers checked the order form, realised the order went to Dublin rather than to Argentina and contacted the Irish police. The Irish frand squad began investigating its first case of Internet fraud.

Police called at the boy's home last week to find him devouring the evidence. According to one Irish weekend newspaper, his parents were "dumbfounded" at the discovery. All three co-operated fully with the police and recovered the remains of the stash.

As a juvenile, the boy will not be charged with obtaining goods by false pretences and the American company donated his booty to a children's charity in Dublin. The offender is said to be "remorseful and sick of the sight of chocolate".



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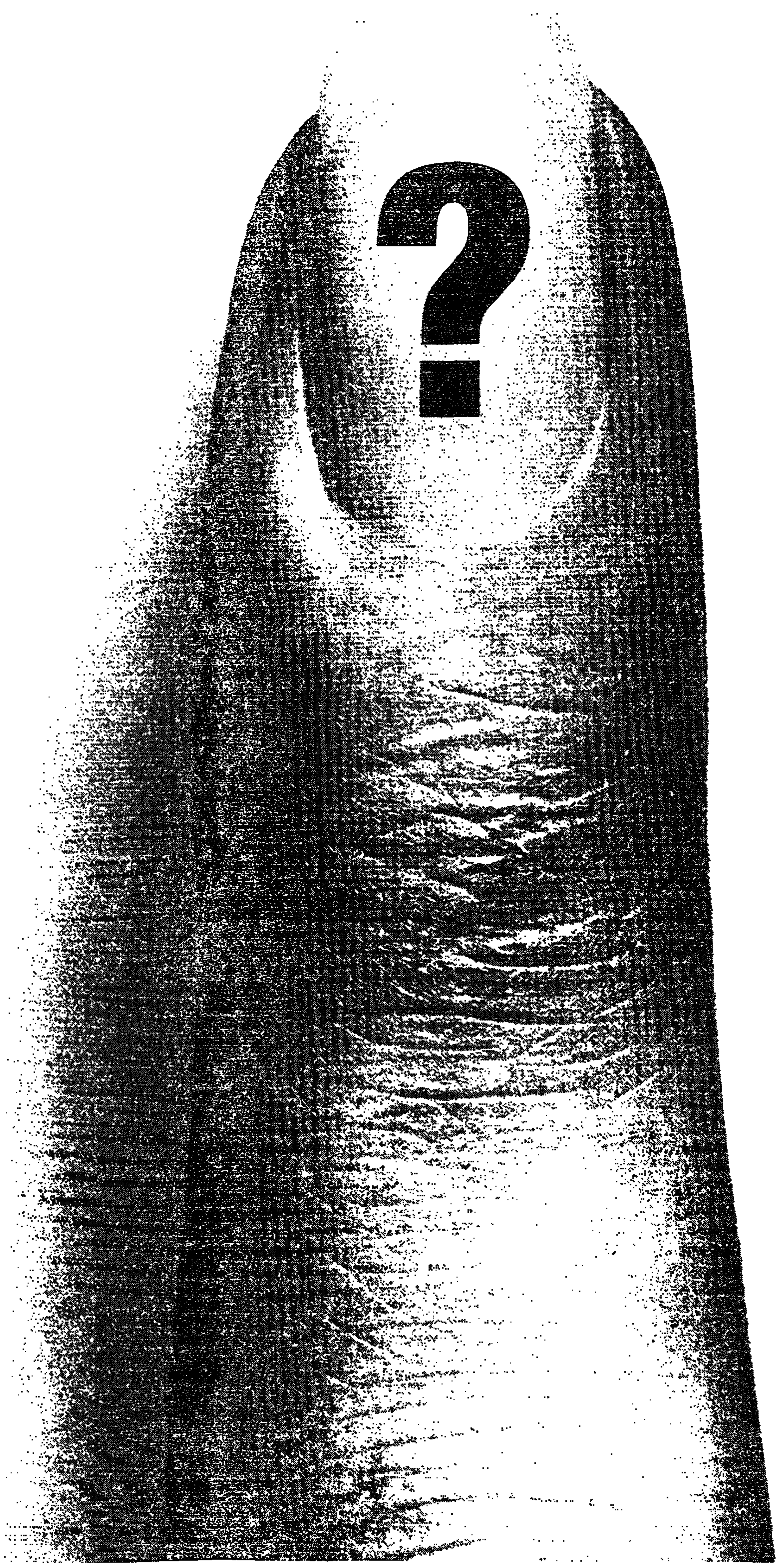

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Princess's holiday with Al Fayed 'ill advised'

By Joanna Bale and Adrian Lee

DIANA, Princess of Wales, continued her holiday with the businessman Mohamed Al Fayed yesterday amid criticism that the trip was "ill-advised". The Princess and her sons were pictured with Mr Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, and his wife on board his yacht off the Côte d'Azur, prompting adverse comment in several newspapers.

The criticism, by anonymous "royal and political sources", was described as "spiteful and unfair" by Mr Al Fayed's senior aide yesterday. Michael Cole, director of public affairs at Harrods, said Mr Al Fayed had been "vindicated" by Sir Gordon Downey over his involvement in the Commons "cash for questions" controversy.

He said yesterday: "This is an entirely private holiday. The two families are entitled to their privacy. Fortunately, this intrusion has not spoiled the enjoyment of the royal party or Mr Al Fayed."

A factor in the Princess's decision to accept the invitation was said to have been a recent picture of the Queen, accompanied by Mr Al Fayed, presenting the prizes at a Windsor horse show he had organised. The holiday would also have been approved by Prince of Wales because of the involvement of Prince William and Prince Harry. Detectives from the Royal and Diplomatic Protection Branch have accompanied the group.

The Princess does not have a public relations adviser and relies on a dwindling number of aides. Her former public relations adviser, Jane Atkinson, who resigned last year, declined to comment yesterday. However, Max Clifford, the public relations consultant, said: "The Princess would have gone into this with her eyes wide open. She has had some major PR successes with her campaign to ban landmines and with the sale of her dresses for charity.

"Mr Al Fayed has helped to show up the likes of Neil Hamilton and Jonathan Aitken. One of the reasons why she is the most popular member of the Royal Family is because she mixes with all sorts of people and understands how most of us think and feel."

The Princess and her sons, who recently started their school holidays, flew to Cannes on Friday in one of Mr Al Fayed's private aircraft and joined the yacht Sakara, named after an Egyptian god, on Saturday. Mr Al Fayed and his wife Fin own a £10 million villa in St Tropez, as well as the yacht, said to be worth about £20 million.

Last year the Princess declined Mr Al Fayed's offer to become a consultant director of Harrods International, a position which was accepted by her stepmother, the former Raine Spencer.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday: "Holiday arrangements are entirely private between the Princess, the Prince of Wales and their children."

☐ The Princess's personal assistant, Louise Reid-Carr, has become the latest member of her staff to resign. Miss Reid-Carr, 35, a former air hostess, was paid £25,000 a year and left after six months. She worked as one of a team of three sorting out mail, engagements, and royal holidays. At her home in Bournemouth, she said yesterday: "I really enjoyed my job but felt it was the right time to leave."

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ALAN LEWIS

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A mural on Lower Ormeau Road, Belfast, illustrates nationalist anger with Mo Mowlam over the Drumcree march

March truce boosts peace hopes

By Nicholas Watt, chief Ireland correspondent

THE "tremendous spirit of relief" felt after the Ulster marching season reached a relatively untroubled climax will encourage the search for peace, a leading churchman said yesterday.

Tens of thousands of Orangemen marched without confrontation after their decision to call off or re-route their most contentious July 12 parades. Afterwards there was rioting in Belfast and Londonderry in which several RUC officers were injured.

The unrest was not, however, of the scale after the Drumcree march on July 6, which infuriated nationalists. Tensions were defused by the Orangemen's announcement last Thursday that the July 12 parades would be restricted.

Archbishop Robin Eames, Primate of the Church of Ireland, said yesterday that there was a mood of conciliation. "This tremendous spirit of relief is bound to carry the process forward."

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, pledged to use the new climate to press ahead with the multiparty talks which resume at Stormont tomorrow. She told Sky News: "We have to stabilise the democratic process. The last thing we want in Northern Ireland at the moment is a political vacuum."

Dr Mowlam said she would like to see Sinn Fein at the talks, but that the IRA must first declare an unequivocal ceasefire. "We have made it patently clear the ball is in their court."

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, said it was "wishful thinking" to believe that the IRA would renew its ceasefire, citing the gun and bomb attack on a security patrol in North Belfast and the shooting of two teenagers at a loyalist bonfire on Friday night.

He told BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*: "The attacks . . . show the real character of Irish republicanism. While there was less violence than there would have been [at the weekend], Irish republicanism demonstrated that they have been looking for opportunities to create violence."

☐ Five people appeared at Limavady Magistrates Court charged with riotous assembly in Londonderry in the early hours of yesterday.

☐ Security forces were believed to have uncovered a substantial quantity of explosives on a nationalist estate in Londonderry yesterday. Homes were evacuated as army bomb experts dealt with the discovery.

Standing room only for Opera House's swansong

By Dalya Alberge
Arts correspondent

THE organiser of the live screening of tonight's Royal Opera House gala into Covent Garden's Piazza has expressed dismay that the outside audience will have to stand throughout the performance. The gala is being held to mark the house's two-year closure for redevelopment.

Susanna Little, of Aquarius Productions, was told by Westminster council that, for health and safety reasons, the event would not go ahead unless she complied with their request. In previous years, part of the enjoyment lay in people being able to relax, she said. No one from Westminster council was available for comment.

It is unlikely that anyone can actually force people to stand. Ms Little said: "I will have complied with the health and safety officer in telling people they can't sit down."

The gala performance, to be attended by the Prince of Wales and Princess Margaret, marks the closure of the 138-year-old building for its £214 million redevelopment. The Farewell Gala is being broadcast live on BBC2, and a huge crowd will see it free of the charge on the big screen in the piazza. Details of the programme are being kept secret beyond that the tenor Placido Domingo and ballerina Darcey Bussell are among the star performers.

During the closure, the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet companies will perform at a variety of theatres and halls. The house has been widely criticised for its delay and indecision in finding alternative venues. In an interview on BBC Radio 3 on Saturday, the opera house's music director, Bernard Haitink, expressed concern at the problems that had been encountered.

Tonight's performance starts at 7.30pm; piazza promenaders are advised to arrive from 5.30pm or 6pm.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Medieval 'gospel factory' site found

Archeologists believe they have found the site of a "gospel factory" on Lindisfarne, the cradle of Christianity in Britain. The team from Leicester University is excavating an early medieval settlement on Holy Island, off the Northumberland coast.

The Green Shiel site was found to contain large quantities of cattle bones from animals whose skin would have been turned into vellum, the raw material not only for the Lindisfarne Gospels, but also for many other manuscripts.

12,000-mile pedal

A cyclist has completed a 12,000-mile charity ride from England to Australia. Tom Fremantle rode from Swanbourne, Buckinghamshire, to the village's namesake in the suburbs of Perth. "I've been waiting for 16 months to see the Swanbourne sign," he said.

Festival arrests

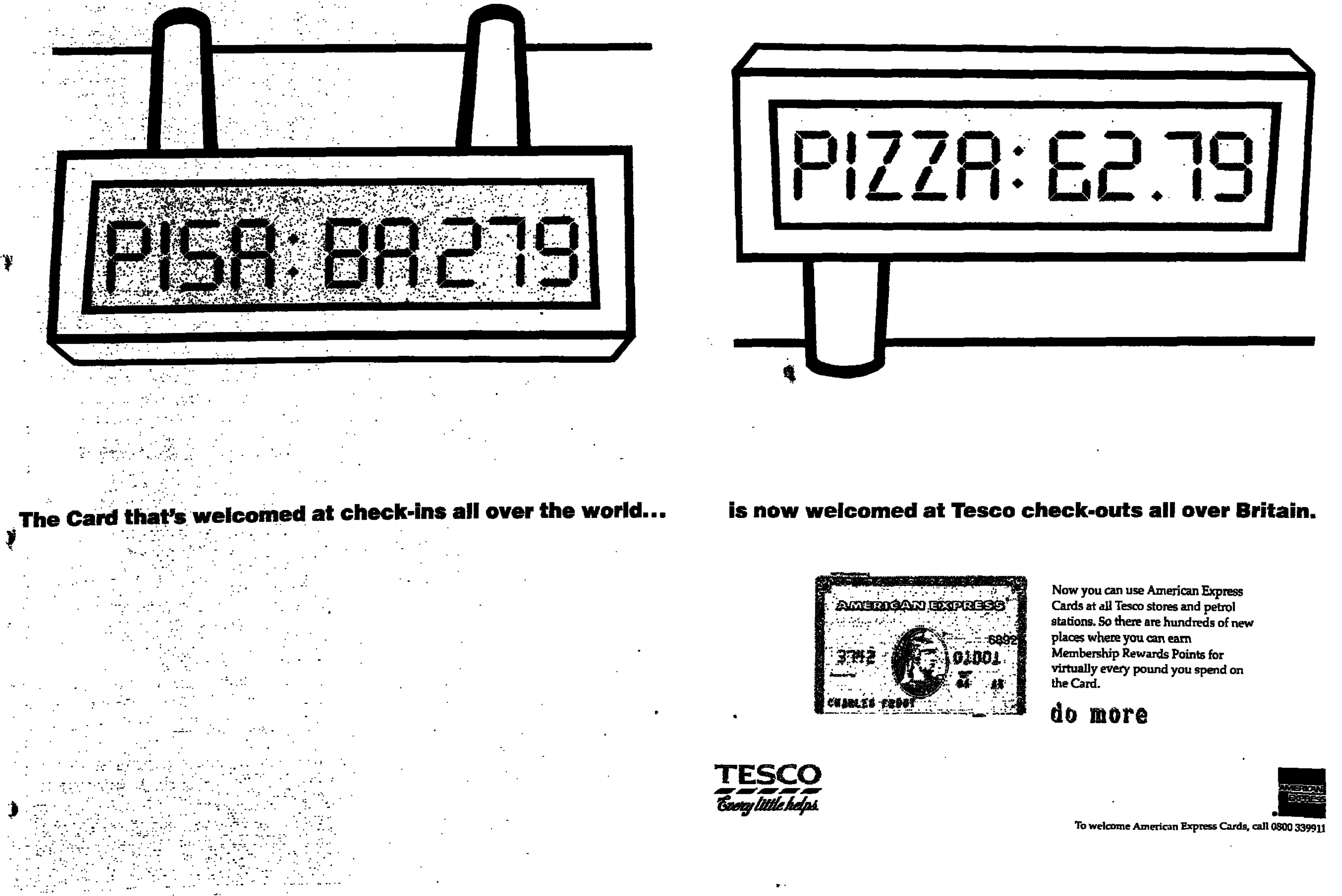
About 50 arrests, mostly for drug possession, were made during the three-day Severn Rebels music festival in Blaisdon, Gloucestershire. One person was arrested for illegal possession of a shotgun, found in a car beneath a basket of fresh pike.

West house sale

The house at 25 Midland Road, Gloucester, in which the serial killer Frederick West buried his eldest daughter Charmaine, is to be sold at auction. The dilapidated three-storey building, turned into three flats, is expected to make up to £40,000.

Groom bailed

A bridegroom arrested at his stag party has been bailed to go on his honeymoon. Darryl Jones, 24, of Bearly, Warwickshire, was arrested with eight friends on Friday when violence erupted during his stag night but was released for just over an hour to get married.



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A-level analysis finds boys do better in single-sex schools

John O'Leary on a new perspective to co-ed debate

BOYS gain more from single-sex education than girls, according to research that will reignite the debate over the advantages of segregating the sexes at school.

An analysis of last year's A-level results by the Department for Education and Employment shows that boys in single-sex schools did about 20 per cent better than those in mixed sixth-forms. Girls in single-sex schools also outperformed their co-educational counterparts, but the gap was narrower.

Previous comparisons of results have focused on the impact of single-sex education on girls, who have been thought to be disadvantaged by more assertive boys. But concern about boys' performance, highlighted in this month's White Paper on schools, has encouraged a new perspective. The analysis, commissioned by Tim Devlin, an education consultant who represents several single-sex schools, shows that boys-only state schools averaged 20.5 points per candidate at A level on the UCAS university entrance scale, compared with 16.6 in mixed schools. In the independent sector, single-sex schools scored an average of 25.3 points against the mixed schools' 21.7.

Girls in single-sex state schools achieved an average of 19.2 points, against 16.8 in co-education. The independent school equivalent was 24 points in girls-only sixth-forms and 21 points for mixed schools.

Much of the difference can be attributed to leading schools shunning the move to co-education which has taken place in state and independent education. The majority of grammar schools remain single-sex, as do many of the most famous in the independent sector, such as Eton and the St Paul's schools in London.

However, the size of the gap in A-level results will prompt new questions about the impact of co-education. Some mixed comprehensives have resorted to single-sex classes for younger ages in an attempt to improve results.

Martin Hammond, headmaster of the boys-only Tonbridge School, Kent, which finished tenth in *The Times's* A-level league table last summer, said: "Much depends, of course, on a school's entry, and single-sex schools do tend to be more selective. Nevertheless, these figures suggest that it may well be easier to establish academic momentum in a single-sex school, where boys feel greater freedom to be themselves and to develop as they wish, without pressure to conform to a boy stereotype."

Martin Stephen, headmaster of the boys-only Manchester Grammar School, said mixed schools often did not make sufficient allowance for the different rate of development between boys and girls.

Alan Smithers, head of Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research, who published a study of mixed- and single-sex school results last year, said many of the differences disappeared when schools of similar intakes were compared. "It is true that boys' single-sex schools do outstandingly well at GCSE and A level, but it is an extremely complicated area because there are so many different types of school."

A subsequent analysis by Professor Smithers shows that segregation makes little difference to girls' results in comprehensive schools, while boys do slightly better in mixed comprehensives.

At A level, single-sex schools' better grades could be partly a matter of higher staying-on rates and transfers between schools, Professor Smithers said. "While our findings cannot be regarded as conclusive, we can at least be sure that separating the sexes does not have an effect on exam results on all occasions."

BARRY GREENWOOD

Elizabeth France, who made her own protest against BT by blocking her numbers under its callback scheme

Bill-payer makes a stand for customers' right to privacy

ELIZABETH FRANCE, the Data Protection Registrar who is launching a crusade against junk mail, has had a gas account for more than 25 years. As with any other customer, the company knows how many times she has moved, how she pays her bills and when she pays.

It is valuable information for direct-mail companies but Miss France is adamant that monopoly utility companies should not treat her personal files or anyone else's in a cavalier fashion.

Miss France, 47, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, has been Data Protection Registrar for three years, establishing herself as a formidable defender of fundamental rights. She made her own stand against BT's callback scheme — where customers can find out the number of the last person who called them. Miss France, a mother of three, had her home and office numbers blocked.

She has refused to listen to pleadings from businessmen who say it is too expensive for them to give members of the public details of the personal record held on them. Miss France's view is intransigent: "Companies know about data protection laws and know they must comply with them. They should have set up systems that can do the job. There's no point them coming to me saying it is going to cost them £1,000 to give someone the information."

Her job is certain to expand as more people become familiar with computer technology and wake up to the fact that companies are passing on information about them.

The White Paper on data protection which will be published later this month is likely to rename Miss France as the Information or Privacy Commissioner. A change in her title might prove beneficial, as many people consider Data Protection Registrar rather impersonal and would more easily relate to a Privacy Commissioner, as exists in Canada and New Zealand.

Miss France has a strong grounding on privacy issues — as a civil servant at the Home Office she was involved in the development of privacy policy spanning the governments of James Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher. Her tough stance to the job may also spring from another previous responsibility. Her no-nonsense, direct style stood her in good stead as an official in charge of hardline strategies on special police operations and combating the drugs menace.

For much of her career she has been based in the North West, unusually for a senior government official. Previously she was head of information and pay services for the Home Office in Bootle, Merseyside, and has made her family home in Cheshire.

She guards the privacy of her personal life with zeal but in her public duties she is forthcoming and open. A lot more will be heard of her in the coming months as she prepares to simplify the data protection issues.

Junk mail is more than twice as irritating as the use of mobile phones in public places or motorists hogging the middle lane of a motorway, according to an NOP survey of 1,500 Britons. Uninvited mail — known as direct marketing — is top of the list of nuisances, nominated by 65 per cent of those questioned. From an expenditure of £5.5 billion — in printing, postage, holding and updating customer databases — direct marketing produced a record £23 billion in sales last year. A total of 3.27 billion items were delivered, more than two thirds to private homes. That means the average targeted household receives two items of junk mail a week.

Trial time limits may cut prison crowding

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

STATUTORY time limits on bringing cases to trial aimed at cutting the number of remand prisoners are being considered by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and other ministers to cut the rising prison population.

Setting time limits along the lines of the system in Scotland would force the pace of hearings. In some parts of the country, including London, a defendent can spend months awaiting trial and a quarter of the 60,000 jail inmates are on remand.

Other plans under consideration according to Home Office sources yesterday include ways of ending repeated adjournments of cases and the waste caused by last minute changes of plea. Both lead to remand prisoners being held for longer than necessary.

Proposals to speed up the remand system and to introduce tougher community sentences are expected to be put forward before the end of the year. The Government is also looking at ways of increasing prison space by renting privately-built jails which would be run by prison officers.

Tougher sentences will depend partly on greater use of tagging to enforce curfews. The Government has already said that the use of tags will be extended to non-violent prisoners on early release.

But Mr Straw, speaking yesterday on BBC Radio 4's *World This Weekend*, denied reports that he will plea with judges to make greater use of the community penalties. He said he wanted an informed debate on what were the most appropriate sentencing arrangements. Public confidence in the sentences was low but if they were more effective, judges would be keener to use them, he said.

Mr Straw said that in the short term his job was to find places for offenders being sent into custody. But in the longer term he had to try to ensure "greater safety for the public" and that community sentences had a significant role.

August car rush may be spread out

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are preparing to abandon the annual change to car registrations and replace it with twice-yearly new number plates.

The current system, which has been criticised by car manufacturers for causing a surge in demand each August and consequent production problems, is expected to end by the end of the century. Almost a quarter of the two million new cars sold each year are registered in August.

Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, is planning to announce within the next month plans for a new bi-annual registration, possibly in March and September. But it is unlikely to begin until the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has completed the introduction of a new computer system in 1999.

Mr Strang is also understood to be interested in a system of regional registrations to help police to identify cars owned by terrorist suspects. But he believes that a rash change could create confusion among police forces and is keen to make sure that such a system is effective.

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Employees need help to balance career and home

Alexandra Frean reports on new pressures at work

BALANCING the demands of a career and of home life is an increasing problem for today's young professionals, according to research. One-fifth of them would be prepared to take a pay cut if it meant having more free time.

The study shows that half of all full-time employees are concerned about having too little time to spend with their families and friends. A quarter simply do not believe it is possible to have a good family life and get ahead in their current job.

The findings of the survey, conducted by MORI for the management consultancy WFD, could have far-reaching implications for businesses, as they compete in a changing world. Companies are beginning to realise that helping valued employees cope with the continuing demands and one-off contingencies of their personal lives — from child-rearing to moving home or bereavement — could mean the difference between a committed and capable workforce and one which is distracted and lacking in motivation.

Liz Bargh, chief executive of WFD, said: "Those who are least likely to be satisfied with the current balance of their work and home life are also the ones who are most likely to be able to go and work for themselves or who could relatively easily find work with an employer who will be more sympathetic to their needs."

She added: "Employees who are under a lot of pressure are saying, 'No, this is not what I want; my life is not meant to be stressful all the time.'

"Companies need to design the way their employees work more flexibly. They need to look at the way they use information technology to see if it could be better used to free up people to concentrate on core tasks. Do they need to spend so much time in meetings? Are work flows organised so as to get tasks done as quickly as possible?"

According to WFD, the seeds for the current discontent among employees were sewn in the recession of the early 1990s, when many companies reduced staff levels. Remaining staff were placed under greater pressure to work harder and longer. Without society's traditional support structures, such as the extended family, many individuals were unable to cope.

Employers should provide their workforce with personal support, she suggested. In the United States, some employers have provided telephone advice for employees on family problems. Employees who have used these services have saved, on average, 16 hours of work-time, Ms Bargh said.

The MORI survey, based on the responses of 780 full-time workers interviewed last month, shows that getting the balance between work and home life right is most important to well-paid employees aged under 35, working in the professions and for large companies. Concerns on the issue were least felt in the public sector and by those who were self-employed.

"We will be seeing more people setting up on their own if businesses can't make life easier for their employees," Ms Bargh said.

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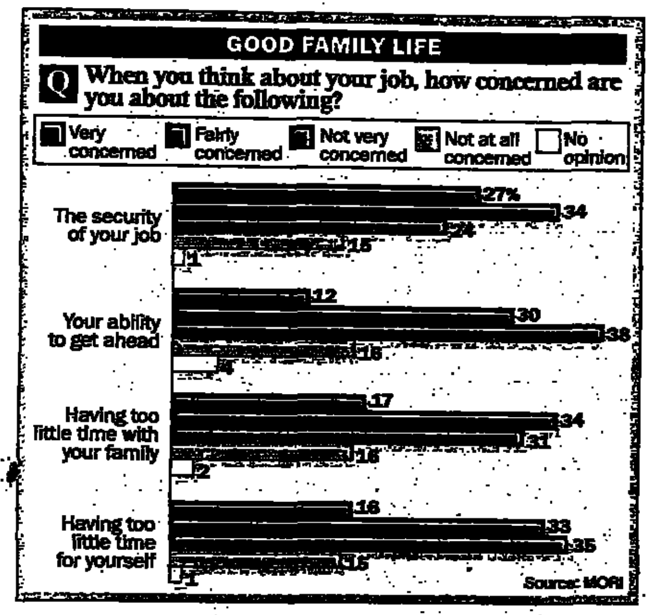

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Thirtysomething but job is making them feel old

AT 32, Sarah Foster, a systems support manager for a management consultancy, says she feels old. Last summer she worked every weekend and typically she will be required to work 30 per cent more than her company's 9am to 5.30pm day. This summer she's having to spend three or four days every week abroad for her job. Unusually for a professional, she is paid overtime.

"Everybody I know is cheesed off with their work. We all work so hard and we hardly have time to see each other. We all feel old and knackered even though we are in our early thirties," she said.

Ms Foster, who lives in Richmond, southwest London, with her boyfriend Mike Riley, believes that companies such as hers could easily reduce the pressure on employees by being more honest to clients. "We promise to do all sorts of things that we know we haven't got a hope in hell's chance of achieving. The company does it because other companies do it and competition is tough," she said.

Although she would like to start a family, she fears she would have to sacrifice chances of promotion if she did. "I see having children as an escape route from the pressures of work," she said.

Mr Riley, 29, an information technology manager for a government agency, works from 9am to 6.30pm on most days, although he often stays in the office until 9pm. He feels he is able to balance home and work life fairly well: "I would not move jobs, even if someone offered me another £5,000 a year, because I feel there is a price on quality of life," he said.

Mr Riley believes that there is a lot his employer could do to reduce work pressures on staff. "There's quite a lot of inefficiency. I sit in hours of meetings that are useless."

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Trish Crofts and Graham Dodridge relaxing at home yesterday. "My hair is already going grey," she said

'You have to sacrifice personal life'

By Alexandra Frean

TRISH CROFTS, a 26-year-old media buyer with the advertising agency Ogilvy and Mather, is typical of the young professionals who feel that their work is depriving them of a real life. She starts work at 9am but frequently does not leave her office until 8pm. Occasionally she is at work until 10pm.

"In my company when people leave, they are not replaced and everybody is expected to work extra hard," she said. Although Ms Crofts enjoys her work she feels "stressed all the time". She said: "My hair is already going grey." As Ms Croft's boyfriend, Graham Dodridge, frequently does not arrive at their home in Wandsworth, south London, until late either, the couple often do not have their evening meal until after 10pm.

Ms Crofts would be prepared to accept a cut in pay if it would guarantee a genuine reduction in her workload, but she believes she would probably have to forgo chances of promotion if she did. "You have to sacrifice your personal life if you want career advancement," she said.

Although he runs his own London advertising agency, Gyrographic Communications, and is his own boss, Mr Dodridge, says he feels unable to reduce the work pressure on himself because he cannot afford to allow competitors to get ahead.

"All the time I think, is it all worth it? In work you get into such a frenzy that you think that the only solution would be to give it all up, to drive to the coast one day, go away and never come back," he said.

After working "flat out" for 12 years, Mr Dodridge, 32, says he may soon be looking for a change in the pace of his life, not least so the couple can start a family. "I don't want to be a traditional father who is never there for my children. I would want to have quality time with them."

Buddies just the ticket on the buses

YEARS after being axed as an economy measure, conductors are about to make a comeback on the buses. They have been renamed "bus buddies" with the express instruction to smile and be helpful to passengers.

Bradford Traveller, which runs buses in the city, said reintroducing conductors, which were last seen more than a decade ago, will encourage more people to use the service. For a 12-week trial period, the "bus buddies" will be expected to help passengers with their shopping, keep buses clean, chat to passengers and stamp out unruly behaviour.

The company hopes the 16 newly-recruited "buddies" will prevent problems such as a ban by staff two years ago on going to the troubled Ravensliffe estate in the city after an attack on a driver.

Khadim Hussain, the company's traffic manager, said: "Some people thought it was wrong to take conductors off the buses, so we're going to give it a go and see if there's a response."

Mr Hussain added: "We want them to smile and have a chat with the passengers. If you have friendly staff welcoming passengers and smiling at them, it will make it a good day for them. It creates a friendly atmosphere.

"We are optimistic that it will generate additional passengers and give our customers more security, particularly at night."

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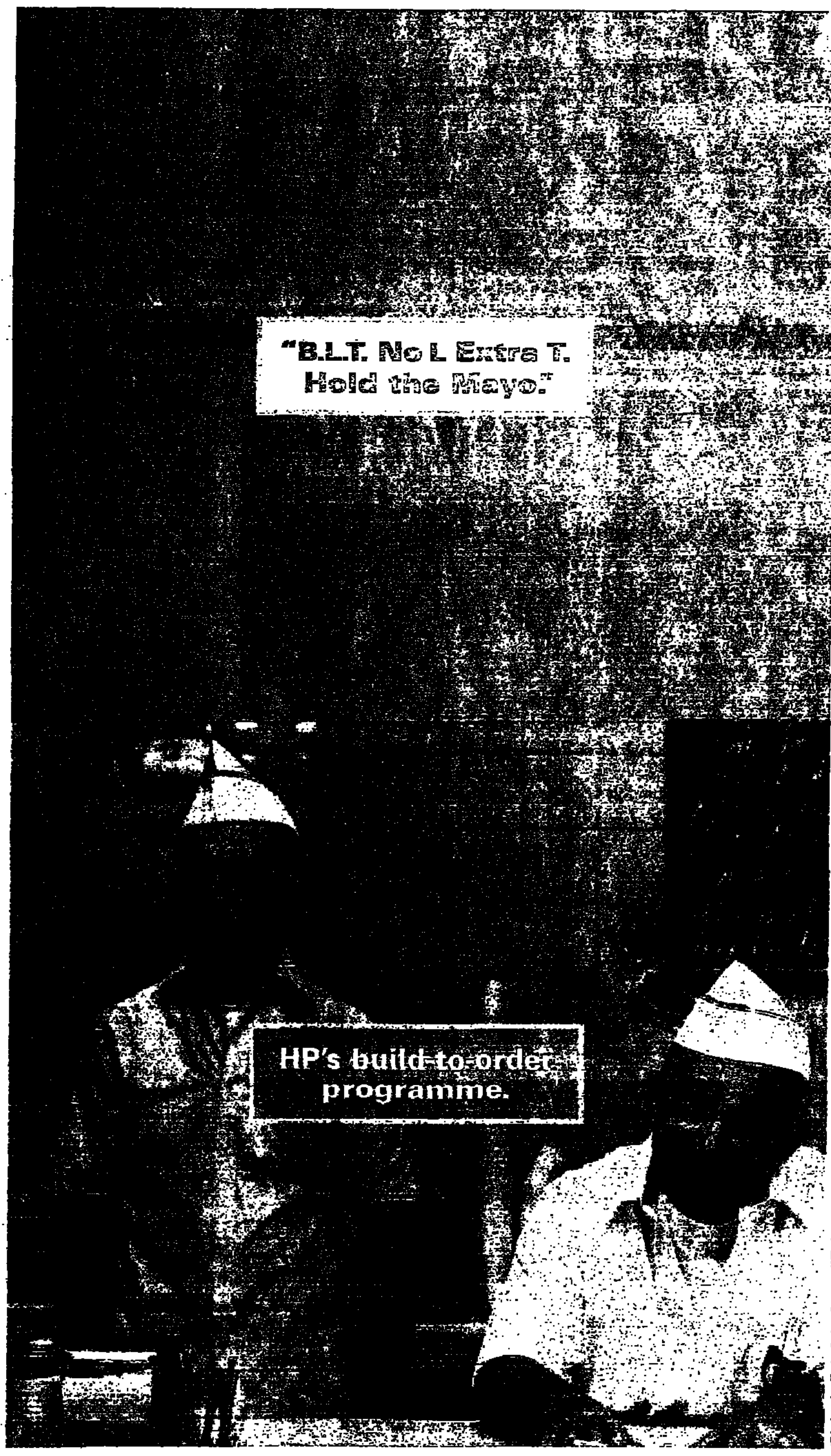
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Firm paid thousands for tie-up

REPORTS BY CRAIG LORD, ANDREW JENNINGS AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

TWO local authorities that paid Hamilton Bland for advice about building swimming pools are considering legal action after *The Times's* investigation showed he had been paid commission to help a particular engineering firm to win contracts.

A dossier of letters from the BBC commentator over five years shows how he helped a Dutchman to win deals to install movable floors in new pools throughout Britain. Mr Bland's reward was 5 per cent of the earnings.

Bank statements and cheque stubs prove that Mr Bland was being paid to help Han Mooyer, whose Hertfordshire company, Polyfloor, was one of two leading firms capable of installing the new equipment. *The Times* spoke to Mr Bland on his mobile phone and asked why he had been paid 5 per cent commission by Mr Mooyer's company. Mr Bland replied: "I think you've had all the information. This investigation has been going for ... months now ... you have been asked to speak to my solicitors."

Movable floors allow a pool to be deepened for competitive events and to be made shallower to cater for children and learners. Councils can effectively get two pools for the price of one.

In the letters, Mr Bland boasts to Mr Mooyer about his influence with decision-makers in the swimming world, his knowledge of proposed pools, and how he can write into the specifications that a movable floor is needed.

Mr Mooyer said he met the commentator in 1989 when Mr Bland, also facilities consultant of the Amateur Swimming Association, indicated that he would be prepared to act as an agent on commission. At the time Mr Mooyer, who is disabled by arthritis and frequently confined to a wheelchair, was experiencing the difficulties of recession.

Mr Mooyer said: "Mr Bland had become the gatekeeper to the pool industry. His BBC job gave him prestige and the ASA facilities position opened every town hall door. We met at a hotel in March 1989 and Mr Bland said he had two jobs lined up for me, one in Aberdeen and the other at Hucknall, Nottinghamshire. I could have those jobs in return for 5 per cent commissions."

In early 1990, plans were under way to build the Westhill pool in Aberdeen. Mr Bland wrote to Mr Mooyer: "Good news ... I did persuade them to include a movable floor." Mr Bland then wrote a confidential letter to Gordon District Council, which was building the Aberdeen pool, comparing the merits of Polyfloor and its main rival, another Dutch-owned firm, Polymarin. He listed seven good points about Polyfloor and six bad points about Polymarin. Gordon council chose to install Mr Mooyer's product and Mr Bland earned himself £7,515.95.

The investigation was carried out by *The Times* and Granada TV's *World in Action*. Its programme *Winning the Pools* is screened tonight at 8pm.

As a Scottish authority, Gordon council did not come under the auspices of the ASA but Mr Bland was working as its private consultant.

Alan Grant, an area manager for Aberdeenshire council, which superseded Gordon in the local government reorganisation, said after hearing of *The Times's* investigation that the authority was considering its legal options.

In January 1991, Mr Bland wrote to Mr Mooyer: "I am enclosing a copy of the relevant section of my design brief for the Hucknall pool which gives your full company details." Seven months later, Mr Bland sent Mr Mooyer an invoice for £7,342.68. Ken Coles, director of community services at Ashfield council, which commissioned the Hucknall pool, said that it was very concerned about the relationship between Mr Bland, its consultant, and the supplier, Mr Mooyer. It is seeking legal advice.

May 11, 1989: Mr Bland writes to Mr Mooyer confirming their understanding that he would provide introductions for 15 pool projects. "I think we should agree that I will be paid a minimum of 5 per cent of any of these successful projects ..."

May 25, 1989: Mr Bland describes two officials of a London pool considering the installation of a movable floor as "both close friends of mine. I do feel that I am in a position to have an enormous influence on the success or otherwise of this project. Perhaps ... you could advise me of what sort of commission you feel would be appropriate under these circumstances".

March 13, 1990: Mr Bland writes that he is representing the Irish Government which is creating a National Sports Centre in Dublin. "Obviously, you know that I will try to write Polyfloor into the final specifications."

March 15, 1990: Mr Bland writes: "The new National Sports Centre for Ireland is hotting up. I am advising all of the architects involved in the project as well as the Irish Government!" He says he will push Mr Mooyer's case.

September 23, 1990: Mr Bland writes: "I have come to the conclusion that you need help on the sales side and that I can provide such help. Obviously, it is best provided in an 'independent' way. I would like to propose that I work with you closely on every enquiry in order that I can (a) influence the client about the advantage of movable floors, (b) monitor any competition, and (c) give you much greater exposure ..."

December 8, 1990: Mr Bland writes to a leisure centre manager in Berkshire: "The Amateur Swimming Association would strongly suggest the inclusion of a movable floor in the pool so as to cater for competitive swimming, synchronised swimming, water polo but, most importantly, the disabled and the teaching of swimming."

December 17, 1990: Mr Bland writes telling Mr Mooyer that the Sports Council will complete a formal study on all types of movable floors. "I am very involved. Our interests will be well protected!" He says he will make sure that floors are included in pools being built in Sligo and Cork, where he is advising the Irish Government. In Jersey, "Regent Tigers ASC and St Michael's School are to build a £1.3 million pool. I am consultant. It will have a floor!"

July 22, 1993: Mr Bland writes to Mr Mooyer: " ... the ongoing support and influence that I exert with architects and others ... is enormous". By then the business relationship was deteriorating.

October 5, 1994: Mr Bland's solicitors, Blythe Liggins, write to Mr Mooyer demanding payment. "It appears to us that our client is entitled to commission from you at the rate of 5 per cent on all UK and Ireland projects."

October 31, 1994: Blythe Liggins write to Mr Mooyer: "We are instructed by our client that the Clickimin and Birkenhead projects are now complete at £225,000 and £120,000 respectively.

"Our client is entitled to 5 per cent commission, making a total of £17,250, and unless we hear from you with a cheque by no later than November 10, 1995, proceedings will be taken without further notice." Mr Mooyer declined to pay and has yet to be sued. He had paid Mr Bland a total of almost £30,000.

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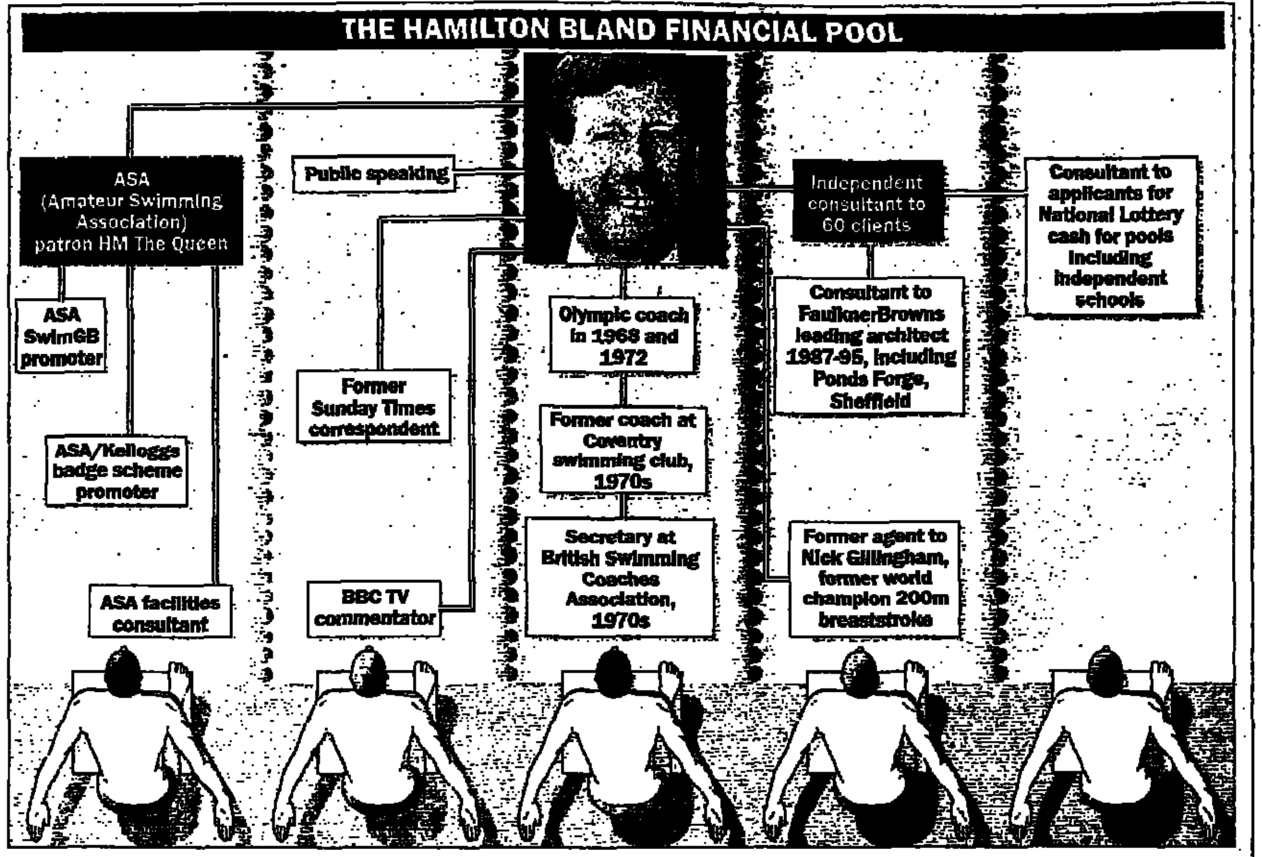
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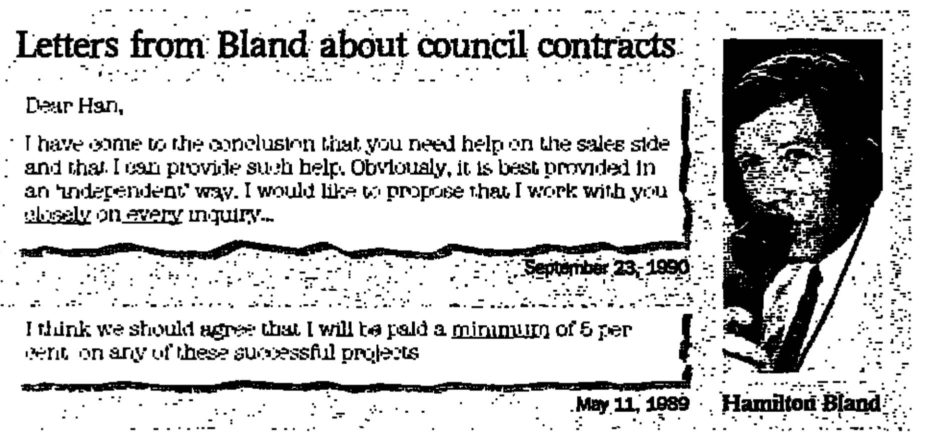
Letters from Bland about council contracts



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Hamilton Bland

Sports Council warned ASA about conflict of interest

LOTTERY FUNDING

THE Sports Council warned the Amateur Swimming Association about Mr Bland's possible conflict of interests two years ago, according to secret minutes, but the ASA still renewed his contract as "facilities consultant".

In his official part-time role, Mr Bland provides ASA advice to the Sports Council when it decides which swimming projects should benefit from the National Lottery.

As a private consultant, he is paid to advise applicants who are bidding for lottery cash to build new pools. These include fees only payable if the grant is awarded.

The perceived conflict of interest is most striking in Coventry, where he stands to earn a large fee if the independent schools he is privately advising are awarded lottery funds. At the same time, through the ASA, he is providing advice for Coventry City Council's own swimming pool bid.

Mr Bland, in his guise as private consultant, has already sent an invoice for £16,056.01 to the Coventry Schools Foundation of independent schools for preparing and submitting its lottery bid. This was approved for payment by a governor in January 1996.

Mr Bland's additional fee would be 2.5 per cent of construction costs. At the original price of £2.5 million, that would have earned him £62,500. But with the current estimate of £4 million, he would get £100,000 if the same rate was maintained. The bid has been delayed by a Charity Commission investigation into a separate, unrelated issue. The deputy leader of Coventry City Council, Arthur Waugh, has called for an investigation into whether there is a conflict of interest.

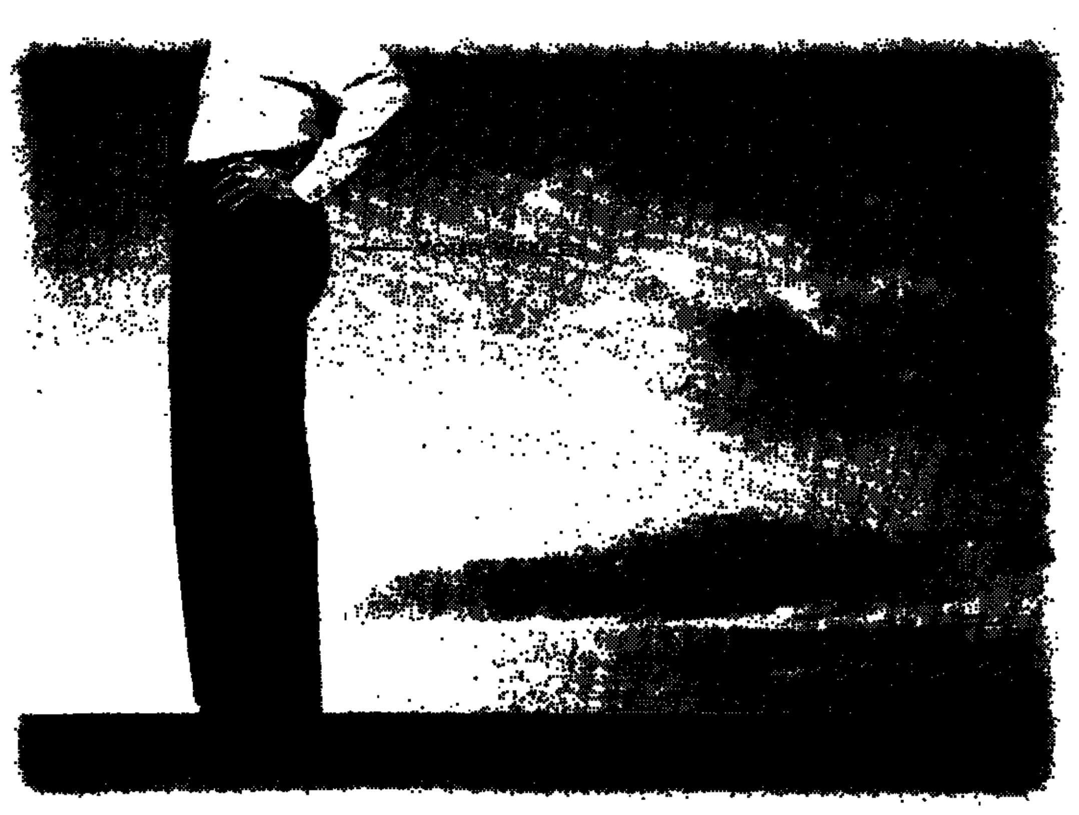
Mr Bland is also advising the Perse School in Cambridge on a £3.6 million lottery bid. "There is a performance element in our arrangement," Nigel Richardson, the headmaster, said. Mr Bland's lawyers, Olswang, confirm that in Cambridge he is paid a submission fee for work prior to lottery funding being granted, and "a success fee covering the work which is carried out subsequently".

Nationally, Mr Bland has helped prepare drafts of the ASA's strategy for the distribution of 50 metre and 25 metre competition pools, to be built with the aid of lottery grants.

In July 1995, David Sparkes, chief executive of the ASA, met Mr Bland to discuss "the Sports Council's expressed concern that the ASA facilities consultant was also an independent facilities consultant and could therefore be perceived to have a conflict of interest". Mr Bland said he would be happy to agree to advise Mr Sparkes confidentially about any private contracts so the chief executive could judge whether another facilities consultant should represent the ASA.

The meeting recommended negotiating a new two-year arrangement with Mr Bland rather than advertise for a full-time consultant, which would have been more costly.

The English Sports Council, which has replaced the Sports Council, remains unhappy with Mr Bland dividing his time between official duties and private consultancy work. It wants the ASA to appoint a dedicated swimming pools chief. "We believe there is a conflict between his role as a facilities adviser to the ASA and any work which he undertakes preparing schemes," a spokesman said.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From shopkeeper's son to a squire

Lure of making a million drove Bland's career

LIFESTYLE

HAMILTON BLAND, 54, the son of a second-hand shopkeeper from Bolton, lives like a squire of the manor in a secluded mansion in Warwickshire, lovingly tending his collection of classic cars. His Aston Martin has the numberplate SWW1M.

Nicky, his second wife, a former schoolteacher and swimming baths attendant in Coventry, acts as hostess at his parties in the 16-bedroom Honiley Hall, a mock-Elizabethan house built at the turn of the century.

Mr Bland's sumptuous lifestyle is all the more surprising since only ten years ago he lost his home when his former business, Hamilton Bland plc, went into voluntary liquidation, owing £600,000 to 200 creditors. Mr Bland is remembered from his grammar school days by a schoolfriend, who said: "He was always good fun, the joker of the pack and a very bright lad. He had a broad Lancashire accent but lost that when he went to Loughborough."

Young Mr Bland became Northern Counties freestyle champion. After studying at Loughborough, the sporting college, he was employed as a master at Rugby School. In 1968 the Amateur Swimming Association appointed Mr Bland technical officer, and a year later he won a Churchill scholarship to study American coaching methods.

He coached swimmers at the Mexico and Munich Olympics, then became Coventry's director of swimming. By then he had married Hazel, a swimming teacher from Bolton, who bore him a daughter. In 1974 he began his work providing swimming commentaries for the BBC.

In 1979 Mr Bland stopped coaching to concentrate on his business interests. On his last day in the city he told the local paper: "I have this disease called ambition — I'm driven by it ... I think I have the ability and the opportunity to make a million."

Explaining why he needed a red Ferrari with a personalised number plate HEB 3 (his middle name is Edwin), he explained: "I like to look good, feel good. Even being seen in a quality car — it's part of the image."

Mr Bland moved to an eight-bedroom mansion set in six acres of the village of Leek Wootton in Warwickshire, complete with stables, staff cottage, orangery and 60ft pool with whirlpool bath and sauna. He named the pool the International Swimming Pool Equipment Exhibition Centre and every fortnight hosted a seminar for council purchasing officers. Visitors were treated to lavish lunches while they admired the £8,000 Italian marble statuary.

> ‘I saw others making lots of money. I thought, Why not me?’

Around the pool were 20 exhibition booths for companies manufacturing swimming-pool equipment. Mr Bland launched his own range of products including goggles, caps and shampoo. The final touch: a "Hamilton Bland International Clock" for your changing room wall.

At 39, he estimated his assets were worth more than £1 million. Soon he had a helicopter, and a Rolls-Royce Corniche, numberplate OSG1 ("life is Oh So Good", he would explain).

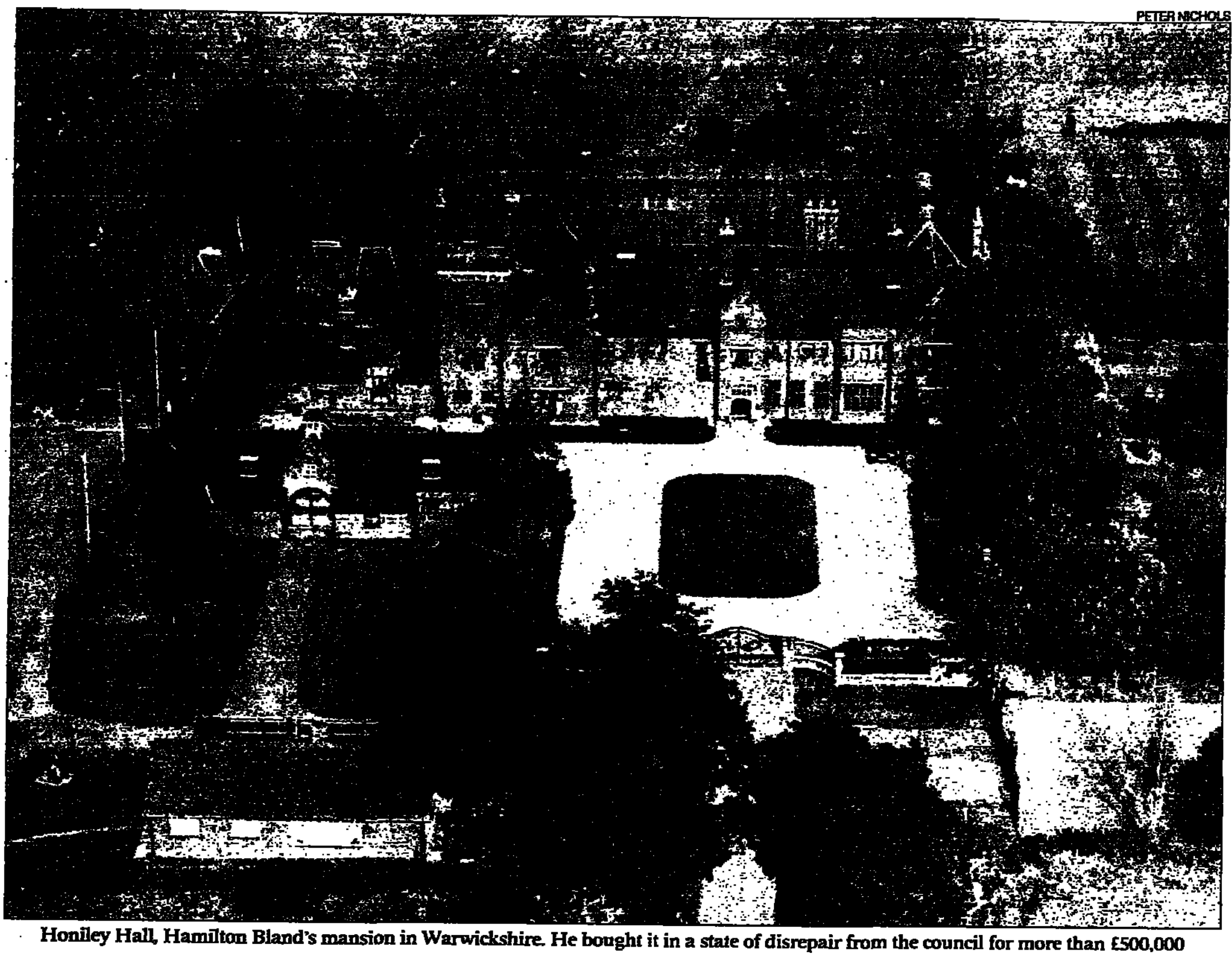
Mr Bland launched a Business Expansion Scheme but it failed and in 1987 the liquidators arrived.

He became an adviser to FaulknerBrowns, leisure architects, from 1987 to 1995, earning £7,000 as an ad hoc consultant whom members of staff could ring for technical information.

In 1988, he became facilities consultant to the ASA. He was also hired by FaulknerBrowns to advise on the design of the Ponds Forge pool complex in Sheffield, built for the 1991 World Student Games. His fee is undisclosed but was a percentage of the £50 million bill, FaulknerBrowns has confirmed.

After a divorce, he married Nicky, with whom he has had three sons. The family moved into Honiley Hall, bought in a state of disrepair from Warwickshire County Council for more than £500,000. It has been extensively refurbished. At the entrance to the driveway are sign boards displaying a coat of arms with the motto *Labor Amor Felicitas*. The College of Arms has no registration of a design for Mr Bland. He has an air-conditioned, floodlit garage for his rare cars, including a bullnose Morris and a Rolls-Royce, registration ULD1. As Mr Bland said after making his first million: "I saw other people making lots of money. I thought, 'Why not me?' "

PETER NICHOLS



Honiley Hall, Hamilton Bland's mansion in Warwickshire. He bought it in a state of disrepair from the council for more than £500,000

Bland's 'unregistered' coat of arms and motto

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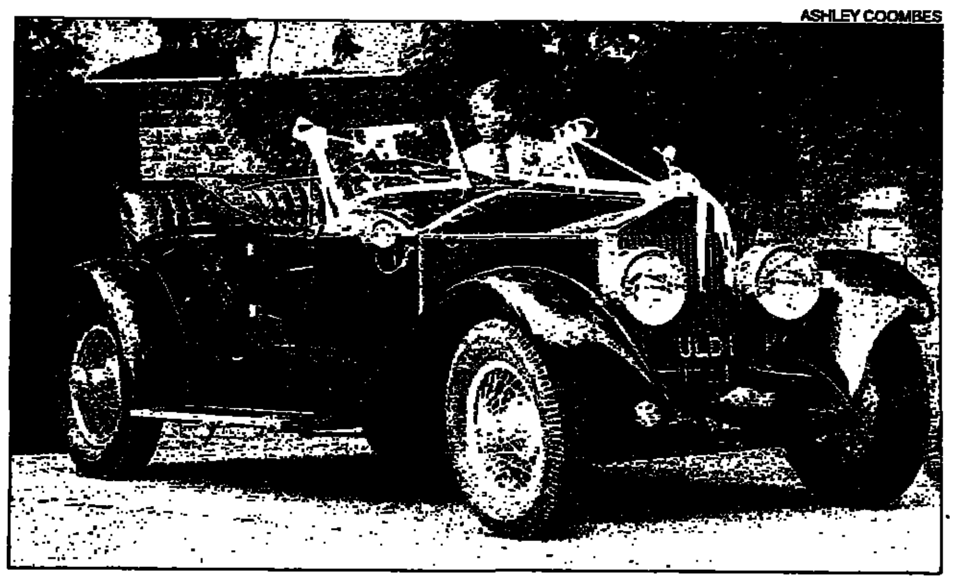


One of Mr Bland's rare cars, which is kept in a floodlit, air-conditioned garage

How the public's money is spent

By Polly Newton
Political Reporter

THE money allocated to good causes from National Lottery proceeds is distributed by five bodies: the Millennium Commission, the National Lottery Fund (formerly the National Heritage Memorial Fund), the National Lottery Charities Board, the Arts Council and the Sports Council. Each receives one fifth of the amount that is available.

Ultimately, it is the Department of National Heritage that answers to Parliament on the way lottery cash is spent, and its ministers must be satisfied that the five distributors are acting properly.

But a spokesman for the department said yesterday that there were now so many thousands of grants made from National Lottery proceeds that officials at the department would not follow the progress of a project closely "unless it had been drawn to our attention".

He said the distributors' procedures for ensuring that money was spent properly were subject to scrutiny by the National Audit Office and the Public Accounts Committee like those of any other public body.

There were additional safeguards to ensure that grants were spent on the work for which they had originally been awarded, he said.

"No money is paid out until an invoice has been received. For example, the Royal Opera House has got £78 million, but no money actually changes hands until the first bill comes in, which presumably would be the architect's.

"The money never leaves the Treasury until the work has been done."

Secrecy over payments from scheme with £1.65m turnover

SALES OF CHILDREN'S BADGE

THE swimming badge scheme, run for 32 years by the highly respected Lily Cook from her kitchen table in Essex, has become an even bigger moneyspinner for the Amateur Swimming Association since Mr Bland took it over.

It now has a turnover of at least £1.65 million a year, of which a net figure of £779,000 goes to the ASA, providing the largest part of the governing body's income.

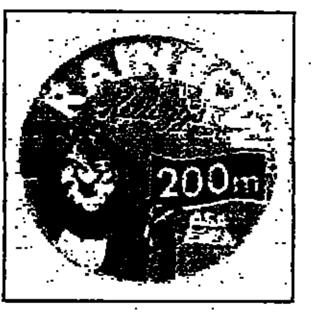
But Mr Bland's own payment for revamping the awards, now sponsored by Kellogg's with Tony the Tiger as mascot, is a private arrangement known to very few, among them Alan Clarkson, the ASA's treasurer, and David Sparkes, its chief executive.

While the main terms of the promotion agreement between Mr Bland and the ASA were reported to the ruling committee in 1995, the committee then seems to have taken the unusual decision to deny itself updates, resolving that "in order not to compromise any contractual agreement, the committee had unanimously agreed to seek no further information on the contract". Karen Pickering, former world freestyle champion, said: "They can sit at home and not worry about where the money might be going while others, like so many swimmers, are worrying about where their next penny is coming from.

"It's disgraceful that they can say they don't want to know details of a contract. If they are not interested, if it's too much trouble, then get out of our sport."

Mrs Cook, who distributed 15 million badges to generations of children, did more than anyone to put the ASA on a sound financial footing. She and her husband used to write certificates in longhand and called on a band of eager girl helpers to stuff envelopes at peak times. Six years ago, she was replaced by Mr Bland.

The price of each badge was increased from 60p to 90p and then again to £1.10. Income to the ASA has increased by a total of £2,027,000 since Mr Bland took over the awards, although the governing body still gets only 47p out of every £1, leading to speculation about how much the promoter receives every time a child learns to swim an extra length of a pool.



He has a ten-year deal and has increased sales from £1.38 million in Mrs Cook's last year to £1.6 million now.

Three years ago, the ASA put Mr Bland in charge of promoting a new business, SwimGB, which sells official swimming hats and goggles by mail order. He gets 25 per cent of profits or losses. In the past two years, during the start-up period, the company made losses, and Mr Bland has paid his share. The last quarterly management accounts showed a trading profit for the first time.

Unlike Mrs Cook, who ran her business from home, Mr Bland has the use of two workshop units in Redditch, bought with part of a £361,000 interest-free loan by the ASA to its subsidiary, ASA Enterprises. The unit, which is now home to the badge scheme, was transferred from Mr Bland to the ASA.

The National Audit Office, in a confidential report checking whether the ASA's £150,000-a-year Sports Council grant was being properly spent, expressed serious concern that the ASA's external auditors had been unable to find enough financial information to tell whether the loan was fully recoverable.

Referring to the £361,000 loan, Ms Pickering said: "Well, there are better places our money could be going to. Isn't it just completely the case that the last people to count are the swimmers? Some of our coaches will be paying for their own hotel bills at the European Championships. We are always the last to be considered."

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Toxic chemical removed from Lords archives

Dalya Alberge reviews a three-year operation to clean historic documents of a cancer-causing preservative

ART restorers have removed a cancer-causing chemical from more than 27,500 original Acts of Parliament in a secret three-year operation.

Staff from Plowden & Smith had to wear masks, gloves and overalls to handle 18,000 contaminated parchment rolls — more than 320 miles long if laid out — and dating to 1497, Henry VII's reign, held in the House of Lords Record Office.

While they removed the fungicide Santobrite by aiming jets of compressed air at the parchment surface, an independent health and safety laboratory monitored conditions and a specialist contractor collected waste stored in special sealed bags within metal drums.

Santobrite, which can be absorbed through the skin, had threatened the health of staff and visitors since it was applied in the late 1940s. But it was not until two years ago that its use was banned, and Plowden & Smith — whose clients include English Heritage and whose team of 35 conservators specialise in all types of materials from furniture to stonework — were brought in. The £650,000 cost of the operation was funded by the Treasury.

Keeping the project secret was necessary for security reasons. Kevin Smith, an associate director of the company, explained that every precaution was taken to guard the documents. The 1689 Bill of Rights, the 1701 Act of Settlement, the 1707 Act of Union are in an archive that includes every Act since 1497, when a clerk at Westminster started collecting them.

Mr Smith said there had been fears of a terrorist group seizing and holding to ransom such documents. "It would have been a great coup for an organisation to have grabbed hold of them," he said.

Transport to the restorers' workshop in Wandsworth involved armoured vehicles. The parchment rolls were protected within a watertight, fireproof, high-security steel box.

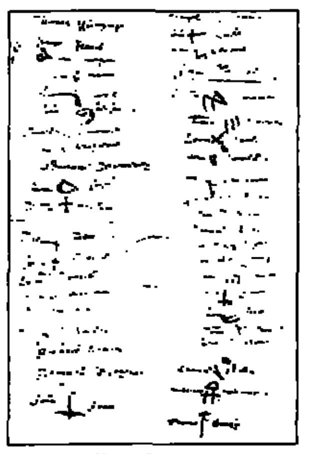
Plowden & Smith were commissioned to remove tissue that had been interleaved into the parchment. It had been impregnated with Santobrite — the trade name for sodium Pentachlorophene (PCP) — to guard against mould discovered in the Victoria Tower of the Palace of Westminster, where the archive is stored. "At the time", Mr Smith said, "it was the greatest thing to save everyone's archives." The measure was discontinued in the mid-1950s when air conditioning was introduced. Mr Smith said: "Scientific analyses revealed that appreciable amounts of the chemical remained in the tissue. Some had migrated into the parchment."

Some 1,500 people ask to view the Acts each year. Gloves which they were asked to wear not only protected the parchment against handling but against contact with the chemical. He added: "The risk to a member of the public was small. The risk to their own staff was large. They were also doing their own research work. People were not asking to see them all the time. For ourselves, the risk was even more. We were dealing with them 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year. Health and safety were paramount."

He added that everyone at Plowden was offered a urine test which could detect whether the body had digested anything: "Touch wood, everything was clear."

Plowden & Smith specially designed and built machinery to cope with the mammoth task, removing the tissue and air-brushing the dust from the parchment within a vacuum. Regular air and surface swab analysis was carried out by an independent health and safety laboratory. Minor conservation work was also carried out, with tears patched and stitching renewed.

Mr Smith observed that as Santobrite was used extensively in the 1940s, "there may well be other archives out there which will need to address the problem."



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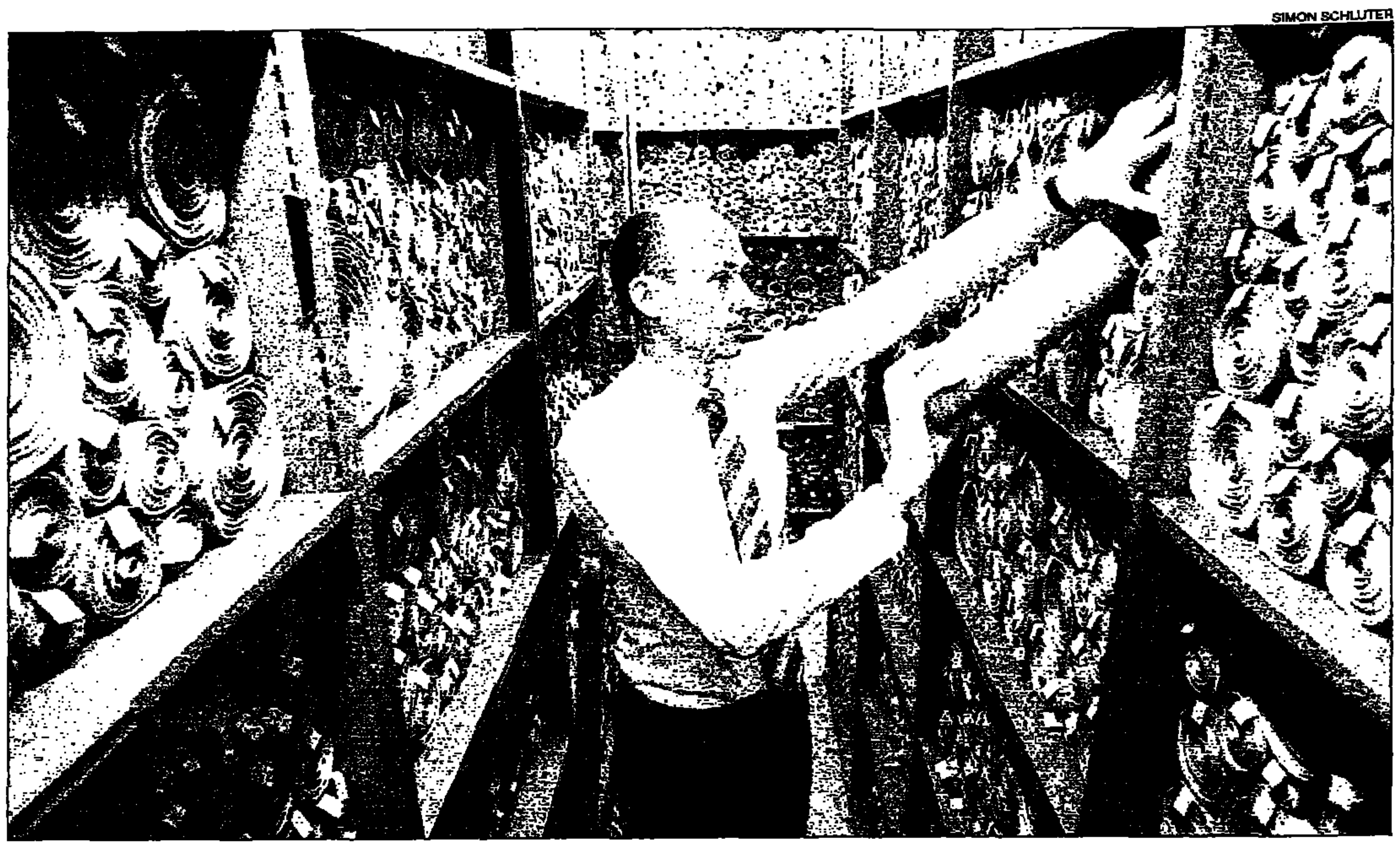

Robert Harrison, an achives officer, sorts through the papers. Among those stored are the 1701 Act of Settlement and the 1707 Act of Union

Competitive edge that can drive girls to eating disorders

MEDICAL BRIEFING

REPORTS that there are five or six cases of anorexia nervosa among the 500 to 600 girls at Millfield School in Somerset should not, by themselves, cause surprise as the incidence is in line with recent estimates of the condition's frequency.

Millfield is one of Britain's most expensive schools and since anorexia nervosa characteristically, but not exclusively, attacks white teenage females of middle and upper class origins with an above average intelligence, a school of this type provides the ideal environment for it to develop. Most pupils come from a rich background but an unusually high proportion are on scholarships, having shown either exceptional academic or athletic ability. Those from less affluent homes may, therefore, have an unusually competitive nature which is frequently associated with eating disorders.

Although the condition now known as anorexia was first described in 1676, and was labelled anorexia nervosa over 100 years ago, its causes are still unproven. The condition results in the patient having a terror of becoming fat, coupled with an inability to see themselves as they truly are. They visualise themselves as being obese when in fact they are thin. In order to achieve weight goals which are as unrealistic as they are undesirable, anorexics starve themselves, take laxatives and diuretics and become involved in fanatical exercise regimes.

People with bulimia also vomit after eating, particularly if they have been bingeing. The report from Millfield that there is an increase in bulimia nervosa as well as anorexia is perhaps more disturbing. Although both conditions are thought to be disorders associated with clinical depression, bulimia is also frequently linked to more serious, and even anti-social, personality disorders.

Research at the Univesity of Wales in Bangor has shown that many other mammals can suffer from anorexia. If pigs, sheep or goats are stressed they can become anorexic, a phenomenon which has promted the researchers to suggest that the condition may be genetically inherited. There is also the suggestion that it may be linked to levels of the neuro-transmitter serotonin, which helps to determine mood.

Gamekeepers have long known that if they demand too much from a highly strung dog during training it frequently reacts by exhibiting extreme food refusal. A person's vulnerability to stress is likely to be caused by a combination of their genes and the environment in which they live.

Children of the successful must be given every opportunity to excel but parents and teachers, unlike the dog trainer, can never afford to make their acceptance and love dependant on appearance and performance. Changing the child's environment, and diminshing expectations, may prove an easier way of preventing anorexia than altering gene patterns.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Ban on smoking in public debated by ministers

By POLLY NEWTON
POLITICAL REPORTER

A BAN on smoking in public places and an increase in the minimum age for buying cigarettes are among measures to be discussed by government ministers today at an anti-smoking seminar in London.

The meeting, organised by the Department of Health, will be attended by representatives from sport, business, the arts and advertising. Tobacco makers were not invited.

Speakers will include Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, and Tessa Jowell, Minister for Public Health, who will emphasise the Government's determination to reduce smoking, particularly among children and teenagers.

As a backbencher in 1994, Ms Jowell introduced an unsuccessful Bill that proposed an American-style ban on smoking in public places. It is thought that the Government would prefer voluntary agreements with the leisure and entertainment industry rather than legislation.

Ms Jowell said yesterday that the Government would ban smoking in public places only as a last resort. "We will only legislate where it is absolutely clear that measures to protect the health of young people cannot be achieved in other ways."

A source close to one of the ministers involved said yesterday that the seminar had been arranged to produce an exchange of ideas, "not for fixed policy to be determined".

It is understood, however, that ministers will give "serious consideration" over the next few months to raising the minimum for buying cigarettes from 16 to 18. Tougher penalties for shopkeepers who sell to under-age customers and more rigorous enforcement of the existing laws are also on the agenda.

The measures could form part of the White Paper on smoking reduction to be published in the autumn. The paper will set out plans for a ban on tobacco advertising and sponsorship, with legislation to follow next year.

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Eta murder triggers mass protests

Rubber bullets fired to stop street clashes as emotional outcry against terror erupts

BY GILES TREMLETT
IN MADRID AND
OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Basque separatist group, Eta, became the target of nationwide rage and revulsion yesterday following the murder of a young hostage. The news led to protests throughout Spain and led to bloody clashes between outraged demonstrators and Eta supporters.

Trade unions have called on workers throughout Spain to stop work and observe ten minutes of silence today in protest.

"After this murder, Eta is more isolated than ever," Basque political leaders said in a statement. "If they were not loved yesterday, they are despised today."

The Pope denounced the killing as an "act of blood" and a "barbaric murder". France, which has a large Basque community, called it "cowardly". Britain condemned "this brutal killing" and promised full support to Spain in its fight against terrorism.

Miguel Angel Blanco, 29, a Basque town councillor, was shot twice in the head and dumped in a country lane on Saturday afternoon at the end of two days of captivity. He died in hospital yesterday morning.

Basque politicians yesterday halted their attempts to arrange talks between the Government and Eta. They said the killing confirmed that hardliners now controlled both Eta and its legal political ally, Herri Batasuna. "Eta has dealt a mortal blow to our desire for dialogue," said the regional Prime Minister, José Antonio Ardanza, of the moderate Basque Nationalist Party.

Eta had kidnapped Blanco on Thursday and threatened to kill him if the Government did not move 500 Eta prisoners to jails in the Basque country within 48 hours. The Popular Party described the demands as "impossible".

The separatist group ignored the pleas of half a million people who gathered in Bilbao, northern Spain, on Saturday to beg for Señor Blanco's life.

Soon after the deadline ran out he was found by hunters near San Sebastián, northern Spain, with his hands bound together and two bullets lodged in his brain. Doctors said nothing could be done to save his life.

The Government yesterday blamed the killing on Herri Batasuna — the radical political party which would represent Eta at peace talks. "Herri Batasuna is an accomplice to this murder," Javier Mayor Oreja, the Interior Minister, said.

The Government called for calm yesterday, but there were angry reactions across Spain.

In the northern city of Pamplona, where the San Fermín bull run was cancelled yesterday, several dozen protesters clashed with supporters of Eta. Police used teargas and fired rubber bullets to end the clashes which occurred outside the offices of Herri Batasuna. Eighteen people were treated for light injuries in hospitals in the city.

In Bilbao, where the Prime Minister, José María Aznar, had led some half a million people on Saturday demanding Blanco's release, local police managed to prevent the crowd from lynching three youths who mocked pacifists staging a vigil.

Some 2,000 people, shouting "murderers", threw eggs at the San Sebastián office of Eta's political wing.

Police said some 100,000 people had gathered in Zaragoza and 50,000 in Madrid, with other protests in Barcelona, Burgos, Seville, Valencia, Valladolid and Santa Cruz in the Canary Islands.

In Blanco's home village of Ermua, protesters set fire to the offices of Herri Batasuna.

The council has declared three days of mourning and called on all Spanish people to pin black ribbons to their windows in his memory.

Newspapers rounded on Eta, which has stepped up its 30-year campaign for independence this year with ten killings in six months. "Sons of bitches" was the headline in *Diario 16* soon after Blanco's death was announced. "Two bullets fired at us all," the respected *El Mundo* declared; the paper also published photographs of the 21 leaders of Herri Batasuna with a caption blaming them for the situation.

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EMILIO MORENATTI / EPA

Hundreds gather in front of Seville's city hall to protest at the terrorist murder of 29-year-old Miguel Blanco, who was kidnapped by Eta on Thursday and shot shortly after a deadline expired on Saturday afternoon

An Eta supporter, smeared in his own blood, taunts anti-terrorism protesters during Pamplona's clashes

French return painting seized by Nazis

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

A CUBIST masterpiece has been returned to its rightful owner by the French Government, 57 years after it was looted from a Jewish art collector by the Nazis.

Landscape of Meudon, by the French artist Albert Gleizes, was one of 900 works displayed by French museums last April to deflect criticism that not enough had been done to find the owners of pillaged art.

The painting, dated 1911, is the first object to be returned from the National Museum of Recuperation, a collection of about 2,000 works stolen by the Nazis and never reclaimed after being returned to post-war France.

The abstract landscape was the property of Alphonse Kann, a Jewish collector thought to have been one of the models for Charles Swann in Proust's novel *A La Recherche Du Temps Perdu*.

Kann was in England when the Nazis marched into Paris. Like other Jewish property, his collection, including 1,200 paintings and works by Picasso and Cézanne, was stolen and dispersed by the Nazis. Many of the works were later restored to the Kann family, but some had apparently vanished forever.

At the weekend the painting by Gleizes, worth at least £600,000, was quietly removed from the Pompidou Centre art gallery and returned to Kann's great-nephew, François Warin.

There has been no official announcement of the painting's return and M Warin said the lack of fanfare reflected "embarrassment" on the part of French state museums.

The Gleizes was traced by Hector Feliciano, an American journalist, who has repeatedly accused the French authorities of failing in their duty to find the owners of looted Jewish property. He has also traced a Picasso belonging to Kann, but this has yet to be returned from a Rennes museum.

The Nazis disdained Cubist and Impressionist art as "degenerate", but they were prepared to sell or barter such works for art more to the official taste.

The Gleizes landscape appeared on lists compiled by the Nazi group overseeing art "confiscation" in France, and on another catalogue — housed in the French Foreign Ministry — of paintings recovered after the war and returned to France. Kann's heirs were well known in Paris, and returning the painting to them should have been elementary, according to Feliciano.

Cook to get taste of tough diplomacy on Moscow visit

Cook: faces Russian ire on wide range of issues

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW

ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Secretary, could have his diplomatic skills tested to the full today when he begins a two-day visit to Moscow, amid growing Russian displeasure on key issues ranging from Bosnia to "mad cow" disease.

Mr Cook, who arrived late last night in the Russian capital, said before his visit that he was determined to boost Anglo-Russian trade and strengthen bilateral co-operation. However, even before his plane touched down, he faced a host of pressing problems which Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, is expected to raise today.

Last week the Russians reacted with anger after British troops killed a suspected Bosnian Serb war criminal and arrested another in a Nato-led operation. Moscow said the move threatened the Dayton peace accords and hinted that they could reconsider the future of their peacekeeping contingent if further "cowboy" actions take place.

The Russians are also likely to repeat their objections to Nato's expansion into Eastern Europe and in particular to warn against any moves that could lead to the Baltic States joining the alliance. Yesterday President Yeltsin reiterated his opposition to allowing Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia into Nato.

As far as Britain is concerned, the Russians may raise two sensitive issues with Mr Cook. First, is the ill-disguised anger felt in the Kremlin when it was discovered that Russia had imported 730 tonnes of banned British beef because it believed the meat had come from Belgium. Also, the Russians are expected in the coming days to begin the trial of Platon Obukhov, the former Russian diplomat and alleged British spy, whose arrest last year led to a bitter round of tit-for-tat expulsions between London and Moscow.

Nevertheless, Mr Cook said before his departure: "I want to put Russia at the top of the British agenda."

The British are particularly eager to press forward with co-operation on fighting terrorism, crime and drugs. Last month a customs officer was posted to Moscow under a new arrangement, whereby British and Russian law enforcement agencies will share intelligence and co-ordinate investigations.

☐ St Petersburg: Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, left Russia yesterday saying she had had "wonderful" talks with Mr Primakov, but the two remain far apart on some issues. They agreed to extend talks on revising a European arms control pact but clashed over Bosnia and the Baltic states. *(Reuter)*

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Leadership lacking in Europe's new disorder of EMU 'ins' and 'outs'

INSIDE GERMANY

BY ROGER BOYES

Summit sessions, especially those involving France, Germany and America, are ending up as chaotic affairs. Scripts worked out over months by "sherpas" are being ripped up and each meeting — the Franco-German talks at Poitiers, say, or the Amsterdam summit or Madrid — begins with a row. Perhaps this is preferable to the sleepy summits of yesteryear or the orchestral arrangement of Cold War superpower meetings.

It plainly marks a change: not since the days of Margaret Thatcher have European leaders been so much on edge. There are three possible explanations. The first is that sherpas can no longer assess the room for manoeuvre of their bosses. This applies to Germany where Joachim Bitterlich, the foreign policy supremo of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, seems to be in a state of permanent confusion.

Gone are the days when the Chancellor could be presented with short shooting scripts that, with a bit of late-night tailoring, became the core of a final declaration. The Chancellor himself is less able to grasp detail and spot apertures of possible understanding. The Chancellor's hand is being forced by his Bavarian allies and by the other coalition partner, the Free Democrats. He can no longer buy his way out of a deadlock. Cohabiting France similarly thwarts its sherpas. Yet expectations from the global leaders have never been higher.

Before Madrid, the Americans asked Herr Kohl to bring the French round to accepting three rather than five Nato members, as if this were a matter of corralling some loose cattle.

Herr Bitterlich duly sent draft texts across the Rhine and the Atlantic but failed to seal the deal before Madrid. This suggests a second reason for the New Disorder: that Paris, Bonn and Washington are drifting apart in some fundamental way. The disagreements between Paris and Bonn are legion. The balance in the axis changed after unification: Germany became bigger and less dependent. For the past five years formal Franco-German relations have tried to camouflage the shift in power. The euro was supposed to fix the friendship but merely lays bare the great gulf — the German fear of inflation versus the French fear of deflation.

Washington meanwhile finds it increasingly difficult to handle either of these European powers. Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, complains of American hegemony and postures boldly. Herr Kohl, unable to be Herr Europe, the single voice that America craves, has become less interesting. Common ground is being eaten away, lapped up by the Atlantic ties.

The third possibility is that there are too many summits with too little substance. Western leaders are thus too often being exposed to each other's clichés.

Arguments fill the vacuum: The effect is rather like that of a married couple who having survived happily over the years cannot cope with the constant togetherness of retirement.

Summits are essential in time of reconstruction or boundary change, or to find a common approach to a single crisis. They are not a substitute for leadership.

Various Franco-German talkshops have highlighted the issue. There is no longer a consensus between the two countries about the final destination of European integration. It is often said that the German Chancellor wants European integration to be his last historical achievement. He has retreated step by step from this ambition because without closer definition it has become meaningless. This is a failure of leadership. Summits, bilateral and multinational, are starting to underline this failure, to provoke rather than solve crises.

The question of leadership and of authority has become important because the era of "ins" and "outs" has begun. The first also-rans — Romania and Slovenia — have just been announced. Soon the "outs" of the economic and monetary union will have to be selected. The continent is about to be divided into different leagues. To do so, to make the division convincing and acceptable, requires persuasive leadership.

Where is it?

Serbs salute war crimes suspect at state funeral

FROM TOM WALKER IN BANJA LUKA

THE Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect killed by the SAS was given a state funeral yesterday, a newfound martyr whose violent end at the hand of "international occupiers" has given a timely boost to the hardliners rallying behind The Hague's most wanted suspect, Radovan Karadzic.

A crowd of about 3,000, half of them policemen like Simo Drljaca, packed into the cemetery of St Pantelija here to pay their respects to the man whose alleged involvement in the death of up to 5,000 Muslims in the Bosnian war's most notorious concentration camp has been brushed aside by virulent state propaganda.

A three-gun salute was fired by police in riot gear. Mourners carried placards of Dr Karadzic and slogans such as "fighting against foreigners is our holy human duty". The ceremony was covered live on state television and the church establishment turned out in all its finery.

A story depicted in the international press as the killing of an alleged monster has been turned on its head, uniting the Bosnian Serb extremists just as the moderate voice of Biljana Plavsic, the president of Republika Srpska, was beginning to gain some ground. Mrs Plavsic has had to backtrack in her fight against the corruption of the Karadzic clique, denouncing the SAS snatch operation in a weekend press release.

Amid this communal anger at Nato and the West, Stabilisation Force helicopters kept a discreet distance from the cemetery and British troops stayed off the city's streets. Some senior officers at the nearby Mirkonic Grad base of the Royal Hussars have complained they were given no warning of the SAS mission, and have admitted it was badly timed.

Drljaca's weeping widow was supported by his 17-year-old son, Sinisa, who gave state radio an account of his own arrest by the SAS, fuelling the fires of Serb resentment. Sinisa described how he and his uncle were pinned to the ground by their lakeside home while his father struggled with other SAS commandos who had sprung from bushes. "They were swearing at me, calling me a monkey and an idiot," he said. "A black guy pushed my face into the ground. I heard the sceams of my father and two shots . . . they took him by the legs and arms and threw him in one of the helicopters. My hands were bound so tightly I lost all feeling in them."

Sinisa Drljaca said the helicopters landed them on a mountain where the SAS commander congatulated his troops. He and his uncle were shown papers accusing them of being war criminals, and said guns had been pressed to his head.

☐ **Washington:** President Clinton, in his most direct remarks about future involvement in Bosnia, has kept open the possibility that American troops could stay on after their Nato peacekeeping mission expires next June.

PAWEL KOPCZYNSKI

A policeman rescues a six-month-old baby in the worst-affected part of Wroclaw

Traugutta Street in Wroclaw after torrential rains

Flooded Polish city fights to save church

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WROCLAW

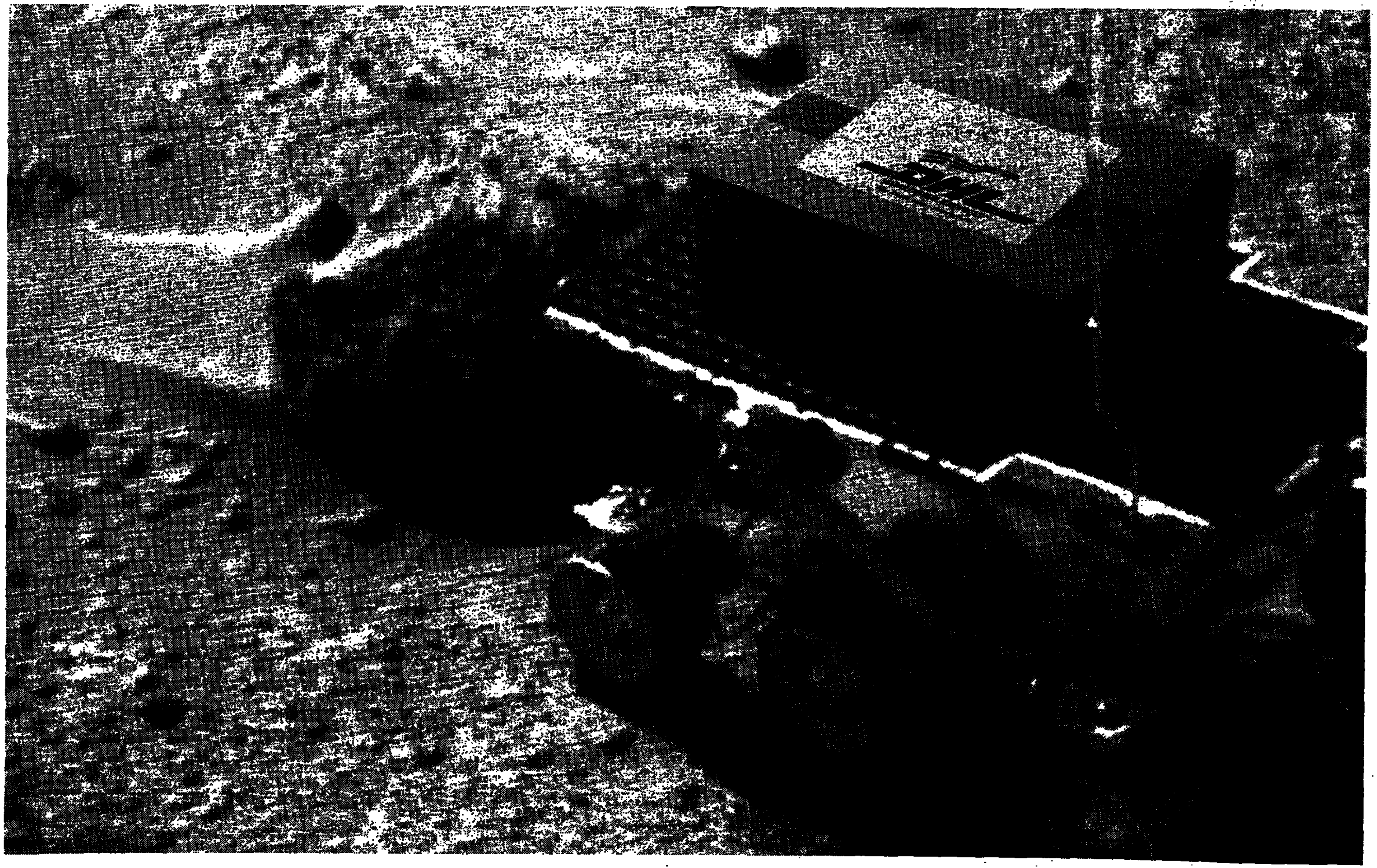
VOLUNTEERS and soldiers battled yesterday to protect cultural treasures in this historic city from the worst floods in decades, which have killed at least 56 people in Poland and the neighbouring Czech Republic.

Thousands of people laid sandbags at the Oder River banks to stop leaks in provisional dykes protecting the Gothic church and the university library located 100ft away from rising waters.

The most dramatic struggle with rising waters took place in Ostrow Tumski, an isle in the heart of the city where buildings dating back to the 13th century are located. The rescue action had to be interrupted several times because of shortages of sand.

Volunteers, many of whom worked the second day in a row without sleep, complained also of inadequate water and food supplies.

The floodwaters rose to first-floor levels in the medieval city of 700,000 people, and residents used motor boats to bring themselves and their belongings to the safety of hilly areas. More than 30 helicopters supplied water, food and medicine to city residents. Electricity had been cut off since Saturday.



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CHAMPION HAS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE AT LAST

Hill raises his arms in triumph after finishing in the points — just — for the first time this season in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone yesterday. Photograph: Russell Boyce

Hill takes point as Villeneuve takes flag

By Michael Calvin

A GLOVED fist emerged from the cockpit and Damon Hill began to punch the air. He was conducting a chorus of 110,000 voices, saluting a capacity Silverstone crowd who shared his surprise and sudden elation. Never had sixth place in a British Grand Prix meant so much to so many.

A fortunate victory, rich in potential significance for Jacques Villeneuve, reduced Michael Schumacher's world championship lead to four points yesterday, yet it was almost an afterthought on an afternoon of conflicting emotions that could have been scripted as a sporting fable.

Hill played a passive role throughout the 60-lap race, having little option but to be the tortoise to the hares further up the grid, whose speed masked unreliability. Heinz Harald Frentzen failed to survive a lap, Schumacher's wheel-bearing broke when victory seemed certain and Mika Hakkinen was denied his first grand prix win when his Mercedes engine expired.

Hill has won 21 races in a career that has forced him to develop an underdog's mentality, but few offered the unfettered sense of release he enjoyed when he earned his first world championship point for Arrows, the team that invested £4.5 million in the work ethic that made him a world champion.

It was, in a way, entirely appropriate that it should have been inherited on the penultimate lap, when the Prost-Mugen Honda of Shinji Nakano coasted to a halt. Hill had shown immense persistence in the acrimonious build-up to the race, when he endured the indignity of having his professionalism challenged by Tom Walkinshaw, his employer.

"Pathetic isn't it?" Hill said with a self-deprecating chuckle as he walked towards an exultant welcome in the Arrows garage. "I was getting all choked up out there and I've only got a point. Everyone was waving flags and I just started waving back. It was terrific."

He had the sheen of a winner, the air of a champion. His dark hair was matted with sweat and he slurped an electrolyte drink from a plastic bottle, which carried the legend "Damon Hill. Number One". Nearby, a Union Flag bearing his name, made by a child from a sheet of cardboard, leant at a crazy angle across the window of his motorhome.

"I feel like I have won something," he said. "One point to me is just as good as a victory. It was all we could hope for. I didn't think we were going to get it until Nakano blew up, but then I started getting all excited. It's a different feeling to winning, but in a way it's the same. A lot of people were here to see me as world champion and I wanted to do something special to thank them. In all honesty, I needed a bit of luck, but we have achieved what we wanted."

It is unlikely to be a sufficiently powerful balm to ease all the wounds of recent days, but Hill has at least answered the slurs about his application to what has often looked a lost cause. Sensitive to the prevailing mood, of joy tinged with relief, he refrained from reinstating his virtues.

"I was just out there, trying to do my best," he said. "I don't think the criticism helped too much, but that's Formula One and I can take it. This is great for the team. Everyone has been under a lot of pressure, so it is only right that we should go away and celebrate. It's not the right time to consider the future."

Undoubtedly, others will be undeterred. Michael Breen, the London lawyer who acts as Hill's manager, laughed off suggestions that he is looking for £10 million for his man next season. Hill's stock will continue to rise and fall with potential suitors, who range from Sauber to Prost and McLaren, depending on which rumour one believes.

Walkinshaw, at least, had reason to be satisfied with his man-management strategy. "Damon did a super job, but at one point I thought he was going to fall out of the car, he was waving so much," he said. "Sometimes, as a manager, you have to do hard things, to get the best of the people around you." Hill was so happy, he might even have agreed.

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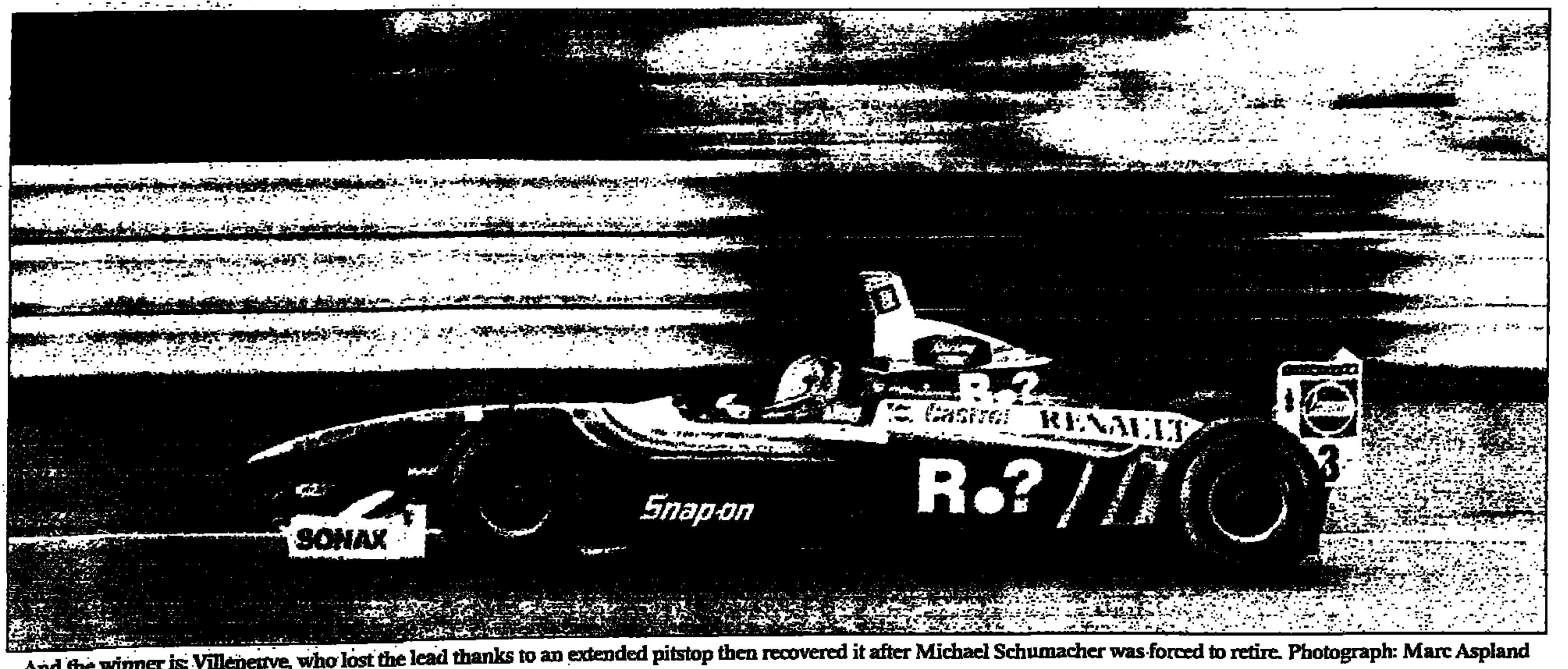
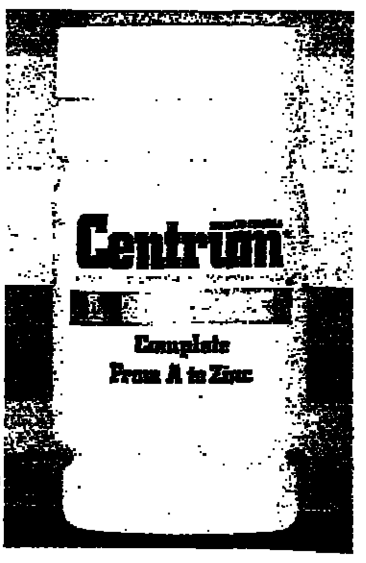

And the winner is: Villeneuve, who lost the lead thanks to an extended pitstop then recovered it after Michael Schumacher was forced to retire. Photograph: Marc Aspland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TENNIS: DAVIS CUP VICTORY OVER UKRAINE EASES RELEGATION FEARS DESPITE MEDVEDEV'S BEST EFFORTS

Rusedski prevails to steer Britain away from danger

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN KIEV

GREG RUSEDSKI, inspired by his grasp of the local language, anchored Great Britain to victory against Ukraine in the deciding Davis Cup match here yesterday. His victory over Andrei Rybalko clinched the tie 3-2 to banish the spectre of a relegation playoff from the Euro-African zone.

A majestic performance over three days from Andrei Medvedev — who had beaten Tim Henman in four sets earlier in the afternoon — counted for nothing when Rusedski overpowered an opponent full of pluck. Rybalko tugged at his coat-tails until, increasing in stature through the match, the Briton finally shook off his opponent with the strength of his game. Victory tasted all the sweeter for Rusedski after the taunts he had endured at an official dinner the previous night.

Rusedski's grandfather, Bill, hailed from southern Ukraine before he emigrated to Canada. In his youth, Rusedski learnt a little of the local tongue and he understood perfectly officials who had taken umbrage at the British team's reluctance to finish their food — despite a translator's efforts to dilute the vitriol.

He had all the incentive he needed in advance of a difficult encounter and a partisan audience, which goaded him to lose in the name of his grandfather. "That dinner got me up for it more than the crowd," he said afterwards. "I thought they [the officials] were a bit out of order. Maybe one or two of them had had too much to drink."

Indeed, it was hard to fathom the Ukraine tennis federation's approach to this tie. Tickets for the three-day tie cost $25 [£16.50], which equates to a month's salary for the majority of the population. This ensured that the 3,000-seat stadium was half-empty. Those who attended certainly made themselves heard: a full house might just have swung the tie in their favour.

Ever since he arrived here on Wednesday, Rusedski had sensed that his match with Rybalko would settle the outcome of the tie. The pressure mounted accordingly as preceding rubbers went with the form-book.

After a demoralising defeat by Medvedev on Friday, it was as well for Rusedski that he partnered Henman, in place of Neil Broad, in the doubles match on Saturday. The combination was never troubled, beating Medvedev and Dimitri Poliakov 6-1, 6-4, 7-6, Henman playing with particular panache in the first two sets.

Nevertheless, Rusedski did start anxiously against Rybalko. "Greg was very nervous before the match," David Lloyd, the Britain team captain, said yesterday. "This was a very tough tie, especially when we felt Medvedev would win his two singles matches.

"It meant we had to win the other three and I thought Greg played exceptionally well. If we lost the match, he could have been blamed for the whole thing."

That never looked likely once Rusedski soothed his nerves. He took a tense first set by breaking Rybalko in the twelfth game, after which some routine serve-and-volleying carried him farther and farther into the distance. He prevailed 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 in 1hr 48min to register what Lloyd described as a victory every bit as impressive as that posted on Spanish clay 15 years ago.

Henman had earlier produced some stirring clay-court tennis against Medvedev, a true master of the surface. In a match of considerable intensity and after matching Medvedev stroke for stroke, Henman collared the first set on a tie break. Although his opponent rallied in the second set, Henman looked anything but a forlorn hope when he advanced to 4-2 in the third after an hour's rain interlude.

However, Henman was to lose the next four games, two on his own service, both with drop shots that went astray. Medvedev, who could never afford to slacken, paid handsome tribute to Henman after completing a 6-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 victory in their first-ever encounter.

"He has many strengths and no weaknesses that I could find," the world No 17 said. "Not only does he play like a top-ten player, he has the capability to go all the way. His ability to play retrieving shots is amazing."

Henman's on-court character is also evolving rapidly. Although angered by a series of dubious let-calls, he harnessed his energies, summoning some of his best play for when close to boiling point.

His fiery performance in the doubles on Saturday, itself in marked contrast to his undisciplined effort of the previous day, carried over to this match. Once again, he was officially rebuked — this time for audible obscenities — in a display that firmly reflected his competitive instinct. On this evidence, he looks ready to advance his world ranking beyond No 20.

DETAILS

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Ukraine names first

SATURDAY: A Medvedev and D Poliakov lost to T Henman and G Rusedski 1-6, 4-6, 6-7.

YESTERDAY: Medvedev bt Henman 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. A Rybalko lost to Rusedski 5-7, 3-6, 3-6

Henman: fiery display

GLEB GARANICH

Rusedski plays a backhand return on his way to victory over Rybalko yesterday

Football school gives way to leading clubs

HOWARD WILKINSON, the technical director of the Football Association, said yesterday that the FA National School of Excellence at Lilleshall will be closed within two years. Wilkinson wants the centre to be replaced with academies at leading clubs.

"It is because the school has been such a great success that we have decided the time is right to change the system," he said. "The new proposals will reach and benefit more youngsters. Lilleshall has taught us a lot. We could not have initiated the academy schemes without it acting as the pilot. The National School has done a great job, but its sample of boys is too small." Although the proposals need to be ratified by the FA, school officials have already accepted it will be closed in 1999.

Tour ends in defeat

RUGBY UNION: England Under-21 ended their five-match tour to Australia on a disappointing note when they were beaten 27-7 by their Australian counterparts in the curtain-raiser to the senior international at the Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday. England's only try came when Matthew Perry and Fraser Waters found space and sent Paul Sampson through. Josh Lewsey collected a loose ball without breaking stride and Tom Beim, who had a difficult afternoon in defence, sprinted to the posts.

☐ South Africa Under-21 defeated a Western Australia senior team 44-18 at Perry Lakes Park, Perth yesterday.

Quirot passes Holmes

ATHLETICS: Anna Quirot, of Cuba, right, ran the fastest 800 metres in the world this year, 1min 55.78sec, at a meeting in Stuttgart yesterday. The 34-year-old world champion beat the previous best time of 1min 57.14sec set by Kelly Holmes, of Britain. Another best of the year mark was set by Ato Boldon, of Trinidad, who won the 200 metres in 19.77sec.

Simpson on a spree

HOCKEY: Rhona Simpson, the Edinburgh Ladies striker, scored her second hat-trick in seven days as Scotland held England to a 3-3 draw in the three nations' tournament at Bisham Abbey. Scotland, who were in control for most of the game, led 3-1 after 37 minutes, but England staged a late rally and salvaged a draw with goals by Tina Cullen and Jane Smith. Cath James scored the first England goal.

Scotland fall at the last

GOLF: Scotland suffered a desperate collapse in the afternoon singles in Finland yesterday to fall at the last hurdle in the European women's team championship. Having won both foursomes against Sweden, they required two points from the five matches later to secure their first title, but they failed and, as in Milan two years ago, had to settle for second. Wales were fourth and England seventh.

Manning suffers

CYCLING: Paul Manning, the British under-23 road racing champion, saw his hopes in the national 100-kilometres team-trial championship disappear yesterday when he suffered a puncture after eight kilometres. His Adidas team colleagues were delayed by nearly three minutes as a result. The North Wirral quartet of Matthew Bottrill, Brett Harwood, Julian Ramsbotham and Chris Newton won in 2hr 11min 55sec.

Mantilla makes amends

TENNIS: Felix Mantilla, of Spain, right, won the Swiss Open in Gstaad yesterday, beating Juan Viloca, his compatriot, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 to claim his second tournament success of the year. Mantilla lost in the final of the event in 1996. Magnus Norman, of Sweden, won his first ATP tournament, defeating Juan Antonio Marin, of Spain, 7-5, 6-2 in the final of the Swedish Open in Baastad.

Ironman record goes

TRIATHLON: Luc van Lierde, of Belgium, broke the world record for the ironman distance at Ironman Europe in Roth, Germany, with a time of 7hr 50min 27sec, after racing in perfect conditions — warm, dry and with little wind. Sue Latshaw, of the United States, joined an exclusive group of four other women when she broke the nine-hour barrier for the course to win in 8hr 59min 30sec.

Petchey fails final test

TENNIS: Mark Petchey, of Great Britain, the No 1 seed, failed in his attempt to win the Bristol Challenger tournament at Redland Green yesterday. He was was beaten 7-6, 7-6 by Stefano Pescosolido, 26, of Italy, in a rain-interrupted final. Pescosolido said: "This was a big tournament for me. I came looking to win a couple of matches and boost my confidence. To win it was a real surprise."

POLO

Laird lord it over Rio Pardo

LAIRD, the newly-organised Beaufort Club team, earned their place in Thursday's semi-finals of the British Open by beating Rio Pardo, who are put together by the Brazilian player, Ricardo Mansur, by the convincing margin of 10-4 at Cowdray Park yesterday (John Watson writes).

After some very fast play during the first three chukkas, the teams were level at 4-4 at treading-in time. After that, Laird's superior team tactics, coupled with what appeared to be a slight edge in pony power, carried the afternoon. Rio Pardo were denied any further goals as Laird swept to victory.

The Laird players pivoted on Will Lucas, who looks a fraction under-handicapped, backed one another up, passed accurately and marked their opposite numbers in classic style, whereas Rio Pardo were, by comparison, too individualistic.

LAIRD: 1, L Tomlinson (3); 2, P Araya (7); 3, W Lucas (6); back, A Hine (6).

RIO PARDO: 1, Lord C Beresford (6); 2, M Vidou (7); 3, R Mansur Jr (6); back, R Mansur (2).

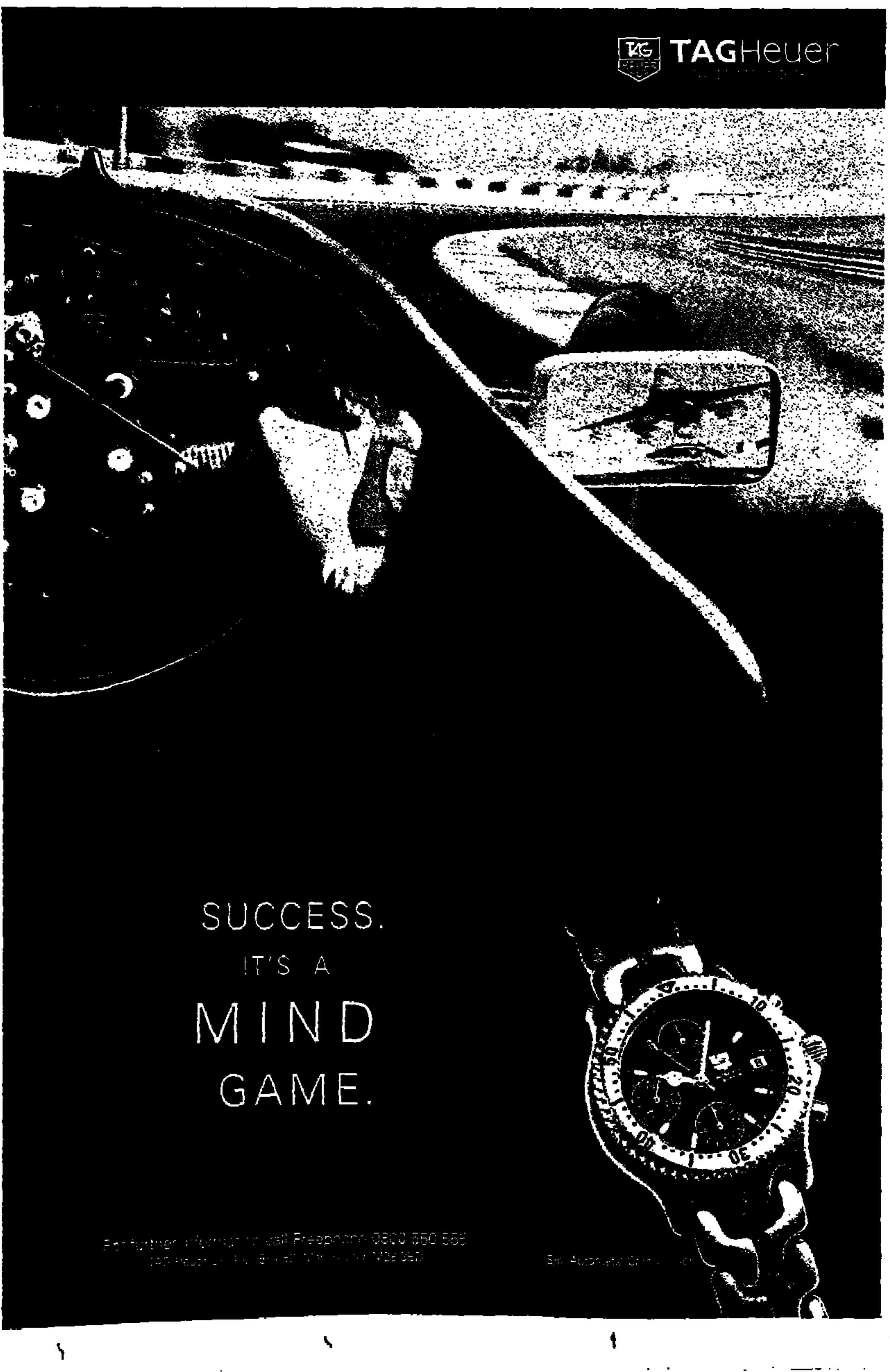
FENCING

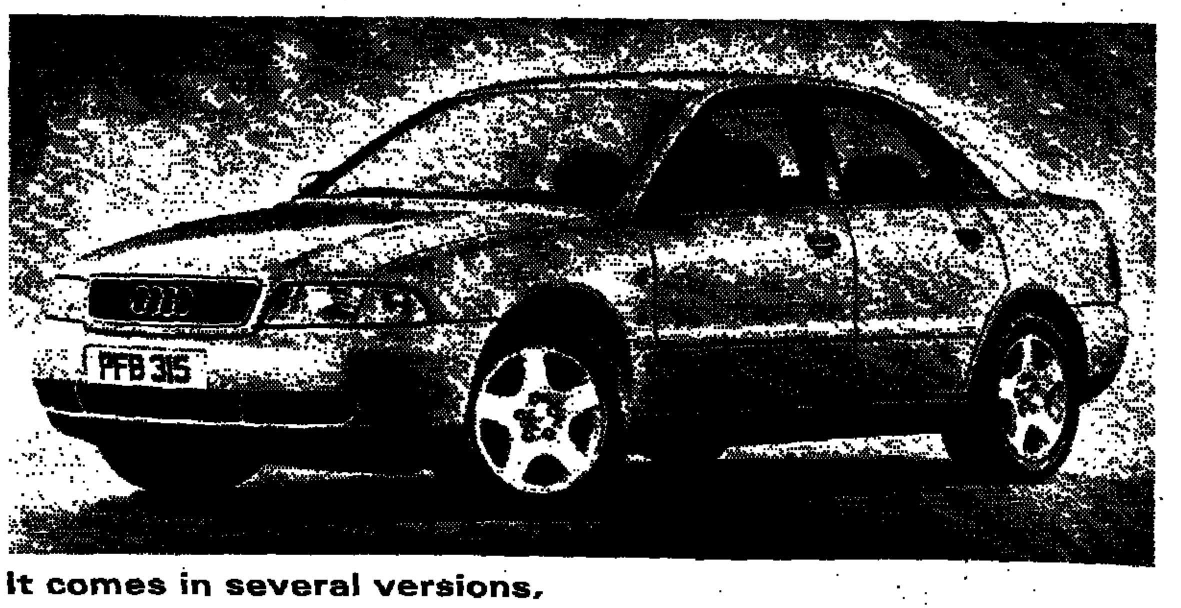
Chance for Cadman to make mark

QUENTIN BERRIMAN'S unexplained last-minute decision to withdraw from the world championships in Cape Town this week will damage Great Britain's chances of respectable results (Graham Morrison writes). Berriman's skill, experience and standing would have played an important role, whether or not he was personally successful.

The men's épée preliminaries start today, so a change of heart since Wednesday, when his decision came to light, would seem of little value against the backdrop of chaotic international airline schedules. Of the other men épéeists, Anton Pollard could reach the middle orders, while Greg Allen is capable of a reasonable performance.

The British federation, though, will examine closely Tom Cadman's performance. Cadman, 18, from Wimbledon, still has two years left as a junior, but, by forcing his way into the senior squad, he has shown the potential for development over the next three years.





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Canadian takes maximum advantage after Schumacher's luck runs out in British Grand Prix

Villeneuve closes gap as Williams celebrate century

By Michael Calvin

JACQUES VILLENEUVE, winner of a British Grand Prix that contained more hard-luck stories than a convention of undischarged bankrupts, auditioned successfully for the role of rebel with a cause yesterday. His second suspended ban of the year, imposed by the Silverstone stewards for driving too close to the safety car, was a minor irritation.

The historical symmetry of his victory, the hundredth by the Williams team, was far outweighed by its immediate impact on the world championship. Crucially, in an age of processional races that are decided by misfortune or malfunction, he took full advantage of Ferrari's fallibility.

Michael Schumacher built a 29sec lead over the Canadian, who drove for ten laps with a loose front wheel and dropped back as far as seventh place, before his left rear wheel bearing buckled under the strain on lap 38. When further mechanical problems cost Eddie Irvine second position, the momentum of the season changed in an instant.

Ferrari are now only three points ahead of Williams in the constructors' championship, one fewer than Schumacher's advantage in the duel for the drivers' title. Had Villeneuve endured the self-inflicted problems of his team-mate, Heinz Harald Frentzen, the consequences would have been far reaching.

"It was a very important race for us," Villeneuve said. "I have to admit that, at one point, I thought the chance of victory had gone. We needed this win. What goes around comes around and Michael's retirement balances out the championship."

The race began bizarrely when Ukyo Katayama crashed his Minardi into the wall before he had even crossed the start line. His explanation — "I don't know what happened" — lacked in technical precision what it had in brevity.

The inquest into Frentzen's failure to last the opening lap, due to a glancing blow from the Tyrrell driven by Jos Verstappen, had an inevitably sharper edge. His initial crime, the root of his subsequent difficulties, was to waste the advantage of qualifying on the front row by stalling after the parade lap.

It was an elementary error that any driving instructor can relate to — he was in first gear when he let out the clutch in the mistaken belief he was in neutral — and it did absolutely nothing to ease the unflattering comparisons with Hill, the driver he controversially replaced at the end of last season.

This season will revolve around the two men who gave every indication of disappearing into the distance as the race assumed a predictable pattern. Villeneuve was quickest away from the start, but Schumacher made the most of the empty track that beckoned because Frentzen was now forced to start from the back of the grid.

Schumacher: unlucky

David Coulthard's typically audacious attempt to squeeze down the inside was foiled by the German, but he still forced his team-mate, Mika Hakkinen, to give way. The McLarens, handicapped by heavy fuel loads designed to facilitate a one-stop strategy, then formed a mobile chicane, which compressed the chasing pack.

Brake problems, manifested by smoking tyres, cost Coulthard a comfortable third place halfway through the race and condemned him to an ultimately frustrating climb from tenth to fourth. Hakkinen, however, had an infinitely crueller fate.

He has laboured under the increasingly confident assumption that he, and not Coulthard, will be released at the end of the season, to help McLaren's reconstruction plans. His first win, in his 88th grand prix, would have been a boon to his manager, Keke Rosberg, who, somewhat optimistically, is trying to sell him to Ferrari as a potential replacement for Irvine.

Only seven laps remained when Hakkinen's attempt to protect a narrow lead over Villeneuve was undermined by a tell-tale plume of blue smoke from his Mercedes engine. The Finn coasted to a halt at Abbey Curve and sat motionless in the cockpit, as he was consumed by the magnitude of his disappointment.

When he eventually hauled himself out, he was touched by the sympathy of the crowd. He threw his gloves into the stands and, rather indelicately, blew his nose on his facemask before holding both arms high in mock triumph.

"When I sat in the car, all I could think about was how close I had come," he said. "I have been trying for a win for so many years. I felt sad, of course, but when I saw the people waving and shouting at me, I had to be positive. This is the best indication of what we can do."

Villeneuve, with a comforting 10sec margin over the chasing Benetton pair of Jean Alesi and Alexander Wurz, made the most of an uneventful run to the chequered flag. Williams, whose first win was by Clay Regazzoni at Silverstone in 1979, had reached their landmark.

Yet Patrick Head, their technical director, was unafraid to confront the reality of Schumacher's superiority. "We were lucky, very lucky," he acknowledged. "Michael is very strong, immensely fast. This is going to be a long, hard struggle."

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RESULT: 1, J Villeneuve (Can, Williams-Renault) 1hr 28min 01.665sec; 2, J Alesi (Fr, Benetton-Renault) 1:28:11.876; 3, A Wurz (Austria, Benetton-Renault) 1:28:12.961; 4, D Coulthard (GB, McLaren-Mercedes) 1:28:32.894; 5, R Schumacher (Ger, Jordan-Peugeot) 1:28:33.545; 6, D Hill (GB, Arrows-Yamaha) 1:29:15.217; 7, G Fisichella (It, Jordan-Peugeot); 8, J Trulli (It, Prost Mugen-Honda); 9, N Fontana (Arg, Sauber-Petronas); 10, T Marques (Br, Minardi-Hart); 11, S Nakano (Japan, Prost Mugen-Honda) all at 1 lap. Did not finish: 11, S Nakano (Japan, Prost Mugen-Honda) 57 laps completed; 12, M Hakkinen (Fin, McLaren-Mercedes) 52 laps; 13, J Magnussen (Den, Stewart-Ford) 50; 14, J Verstappen (Holl, Tyrrell-Ford) 45; 15, E Irvine (GB, Ferrari) 44; 16, M Salo (Fin, Tyrrell-Ford) 44; 17, J Herbert (GB, Sauber-Petronas) 42; 18, M Schumacher (Ger, Ferrari) 38; 19, R Barrichello (Br, Stewart-Ford) 37; 20, P Diniz (Br, Arrows-Yamaha) 29; 21, H-H Frentzen (Ger, Williams-Renault) 0; 22, U Katayama (Japan, Minardi) 0. Fastest lap: M Schumacher 1min 24.475sec.

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, M Schumacher 47pts; 2, Villeneuve 43; 3, Alesi 21; 4, Frentzen 19; 5, Irvine 18; 6, O Panis (Fr, Prost Mugen-Honda) 15; 7, Coulthard 14; 8 equal, G Berger (Austria, Benetton-Renault) and Hakkinen 10; 10, Fisichella 8; 11 equal, Herbert and R Schumacher 7; 13, Barrichello 6; 14, Wurz 4; 15, Salo 2; 16 equal, N Larini (It, Sauber-Petronas), Nakano and Hill 1. Constructors: 1, Ferrari 65pts; 2, Williams-Renault 62; 3, Benetton-Renault 35; 4, McLaren-Mercedes 24; 5, Prost Mugen-Honda 16; 6, Jordan-Peugeot 15; 7, Sauber-Petronas 8; 8, Stewart-Ford 6; 9, Tyrrell-Ford 2; 10, Arrows-Yamaha 1.

QUALIFYING: 1, Villeneuve 1min 21.598sec; 2, Frentzen 1:21.732; 3, Hakkinen 1:21.797; 4, M Schumacher 1:21.977; 5, R Schumacher 1:22.277; 6, Coulthard 1:22.279; 7, Irvine 1:22.342; 8, Wurz 1:22.344; 9, Herbert 1:22.368; 10, Fisichella 1:22.371; 11, Alesi 1:22.392; 12, Hill 1:23.271; 13, Trulli 1:23.366; 14, Fontana 1:23.790; 15, Nakano 1:23.887; 16, Magnussen 1:24.067; 17, Diniz 1:24.239; 18, Salo 1:24.478; 19, Katayama 1:24.553; 20, Verstappen 1:25.010; 21, Marques 1:25.154; 22, Barrichello 1:25.525.

GRANDS PRIX TO COME: July 27: German (Hockenheim). Aug 10: Hungarian (Hungaroring). Aug 24: Belgian (Spa-Francorchamps). Sept 7: Italian (Monza). Sept 21: Austrian (A-1 Ring). Sept 28: Luxembourg (Nürburgring). Oct 12: Japanese (Suzuka). Oct 26: European (Jerez).

LYNNE SLADKY

Villeneuve celebrates in time-honoured fashion after claiming his fourth grand prix triumph of the season at Silverstone yesterday

Short-circuited by testosterone overload

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking & Screaming

Around 11.15 yesterday morning, the drivers in the British Grand Prix did a lap of honour in an open truck. Spectators applauded and waved flags, as well they might. Because for once, you see, if they asked each other: "Who was that, then?" they actually had an opportunity for a second glance.

This procession was nice for lots of reasons — it was quiet, dignified, and staged for the benefit of the spectators. Best of all, though, it was a reminder of the comfortingly human dimensions of drivers without their cars, helmets and mile-high endorsements. The thing was packed, like so many Play People in a Tonka toy; they looked just tiny-weeny out there.

Even after a pretty exciting grand prix — with nail-biting pit-stops and umpteen leaders retiring with blue smoke pluming from their bums — the attraction of this bizarre sport still eludes me, and I can only check my testosterone level (low) and sigh my regret. I enjoyed the Red Arrows. I gasped when Villeneuve's pit-stop looked like taking about 20 minutes. I laughed and clapped when Schumacher's big end went. But by then I was watching it on television, which is the only sensible thing. I have no idea why people would come here in their tens of thousands and stand in a crowd for 75 quid a throw.

Wuppa-wuppa went the helicopters all day, so that the whole event resembled the fall of Saigon. Radio Silverstone announced that on the day of the grand prix, Silverstone has take-offs and landings every nine seconds, making it the busiest airfield in the world (or was it the Home Counties?). All this adds to the air of self-importance, though: which is the main thing Formula One is about.

What a bogus sport. Dress up a car race with big money, and it's still a car race. No one has yet told me a single thing about a racing driver that makes me want to support him, let alone admire him, or make him worth £10 million of anybody's money. Sponsorship paraphernalia has reached idiotic proportions. Bump into a racing driver in the paddock and you're so busy reading the assorted logos on his outfit that you miss getting a gander at his face.

Meanwhile, as for the hardware and conspicuous wealth, well it's just boy's stuff. "Wow, big tyres," I say without enthusiasm, passing great stacks of them in the paddock. "Wow, rich Germans in sunglasses acting like they own the place; wow, an enormous sparkly-chrome motorhome, with the words 'Seuderia Ferrari Marlboro Asprey Shell Goodyear Pioneer TelecomItalia NGK arexons SKF USAG brembo TRW sabelt BBS' written neatly on the side. Wow, let me outta here."

But if it's hard to warm to the spurious glamour of this roadshow, it's even harder to warm to the real meat of motor racing PR — the unedifying, hugely inflated small-pond deals and tussles between drivers and team managers. The way I see it, if Damon Hill is disenchanted with his low-performance Arrows car, that's just tough. He took the big cheque. Yet I get the impression he actually expects people to feel sorry for him.

No, Formula One is too odd, too masculine, and too high and mighty. Dare one blame the cheerless German influence for its haughty demeanour? Well, probably one dares not. But there was a tricky moment yesterday when Hill punched the air as he finished sixth, raising a big laugh in the press room. Here was a man with a sense of irony, wasn't it? He was saying: "Hey, *sixth*," wasn't he? But afterwards, I wasn't so sure.

I suppose I just don't enjoy a sport where the participants are invisible: where you can't even see their haircuts, let alone their knees or the whites of their eyes. All you can see is their bank statements writ large. "A great day out, this," a mild South African said me in a sandwich queue before the race. Looking back, I suspect this was just an inoffensive chat-up line, but alas for that mild man, he had chosen the wrong woman to use it on. "Is it?" I demanded. "Is it a great day out?" He shrugged, and backed off uncertainly, shielding his torso with a tray. "In what way is it a great day out?" I continued, somewhat hysterically. "I ask only for information!"

Browsing the local papers, I discovered that at nearby Stowe yesterday I might have visited a model yacht regatta for £1, which would have counted as at least as good a day out in my opinion. The leading yacht could have been delayed by a bit of essential rigging-work ("This knot won't untie! We're losing precious seconds!"), then overtaken by another yacht that later sank, to the pleasant sound of a gurgling German national anthem. Meanwhile a Scottish yacht could have come through in sixth place, having steered a sensible, cautious race to defy its critics.

But I dared not visit the model yachts, just in case the dread hand of Big Bucks had infiltrated even there and ruined it. The hopeful smile would freeze on one's face to discover loads of super-huge hospitality vans surrounding each teensy boat, and sponsors fighting over the colour of the waders to be worn. *It could happen in model yachts*: the point is it could happen anywhere. Poor little boats sinking under the weight of "Seuderia Ferrari Marlboro Asprey Shell Goodyear Pioneer TelecomItalia NGK arexons SKF USAG brembo TRW sabelt BBS". What a world.

Hill's point makes ITV happy

MATTHEW BOND

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TV ACTION REPLAY

EVEN by his own remarkable standards, it was a vintage Murray Walker moment. "And out goes the Prost of Nakano," he observed in the special, dull monotone he reserves for the retirements of gallant also-runs. Clunk, whirr, bang went the Walker brain. Bingo. "Which means that Damon Hill is in the points." Oh the excitement.

Keith Mackenzie, however, is not a man to get carried away. Having produced 11 British Grands Prix for the BBC he was not going to let sentiment spoil his first for ITV. Anyway, he had already given the reigning world championship two 30-second bursts of television glory, and that had been when Hill was running twelfth. So while a small proportion of the nation held its breath, Mackenzie kept his cameras focused on Villeneuve.

Only when Ralf Schumacher had crossed the line to take fifth did Mackenzie switch to the on-board camera in Hill's Arrows. He may have had half a lap to go, but Hill was already waving to the crowds providing ITV, at last, with the sort of emotional pictures it needs if it is to prevent Formula One from once again slipping back to being a sport only watched by a specialist audience.

If the race itself was undermined by technical failure, the same could not be said of ITV's coverage. This was the only race of the season where the new holder of the Formula One rights in Britain gets to act as host broadcaster and provide the pictures for the rest of the world.

To help it do so, it subcontracted the technical side of things to the people who have been doing it for years, BBC Resources, but then added a few bangs and whistles of its own.

Some of the extra camera positions worked, some — such as the kerb cameras designed to give an impression of speed — turned out to be little more than an expensive novelties. In all some 50 cameras were involved, making it probably the biggest sports broadcast of the year.

What they were all doing during the early part of Saturday's qualifying session, I do not know. But I do know that a mystifying preoccupation with cars either on their in-lap or out-lap meant that lap after qualifying lap passed by unseen by those of us at home. By the race itself, however, there was no such problems, with Mackenzie having the nous to turn the confusion at the start to his advantage, first using the faulty start as an opportunity for a lucrative commercial break and then using the safety car laps to catch up with the subsequent departures of Katayama and Frentzen. The choice of replays was particularly impressive.

That set the standard for the afternoon, with a mixture of luck and judgment ensuring that the only notable event missed live was Hakkinen's retirement and possibly (it was a close thing) the first sign that something was amiss with Schumacher's car. The fact that both cars were leading at the time means they were bad misses, but the damage was quickly limited by swiftly retrieved replays and by Martin Brundle's instant explanations.

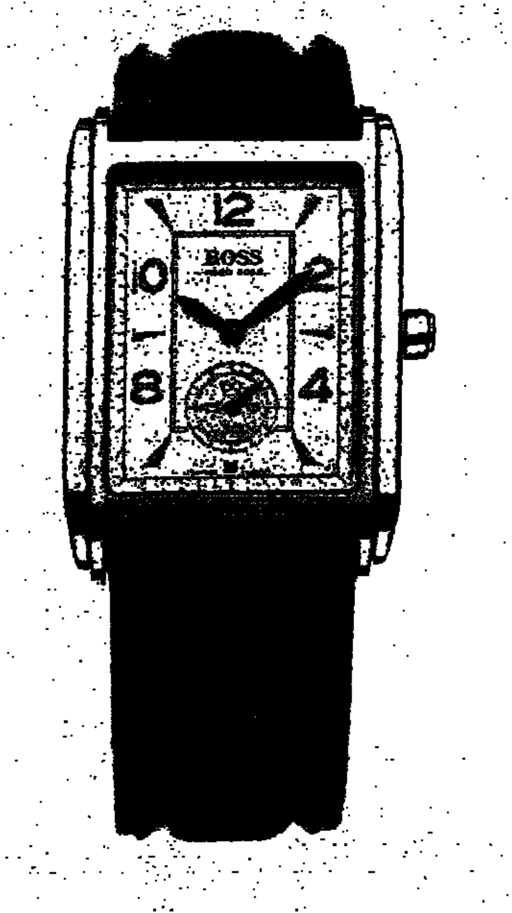
Brundle remains one of ITV's biggest assets and not just for his expertise. It is his natural ability as a broadcaster that impresses.

Yesterday, he probably made more mistakes than Walker did; was lamentably slow to spot the number of cars running on a one-stop strategy and breached the spirit, if not the letter, of the rules governing tobacco sponsorship on television. But until he was defeated by technology, his live amble down the Silverstone starting-grid just before the race was as good a bit of sports broadcasting as you could hope to see. That's not what ITV bought him for but they clearly know talent when they see it.

But we end as we began, with another vintage Walker moment, although I admit I'm guessing that he was responsible for this one.

Villeneuve was languishing in the pits. As the Williams team wrestled with a front wheel nut and the seconds ticked by, James Allen (someone else who could have some explaining to do *vis-à-vis* tobacco brands) banged on and on and on.

Eventually Walker (or someone sounding very like him) could stand it no longer. Clearly audible came a strangled cry of "Oh, shut up." It was Allen's cue for the quickest "Back to you, Murray" in broadcasting history.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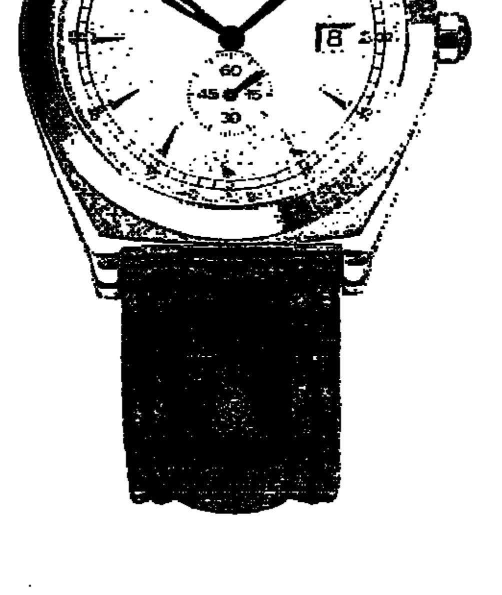
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ROWING

Redgrave keen to retain his focus on the future

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT IN LUCERNE

STEVE REDGRAVE made it clear here yesterday that he does not want to dwell on his record-breaking past. After he, Matthew Pinsent, Tim Foster and James Cracknell had duly won the coxless fours and the World Cup, he said: "I don't care about my winning record. We are a new unit. Everything in the past is dead. It doesn't matter if we lose all the races as long as we win the Olympics."

The four have certainly gone up a gear since the World Cup meeting in Paris in June. Their rowing is smoother and crew cohesion has improved so much that the French, a threat in Paris, caused less worry on this occasion.

"The plan of a good middle thousand went well," Pinsent said. "It put us in the driving seat and in a position to finish it off." Pinsent still pushed the rate to 44 in the run to the finish, but had nearly a length's advantage over Romania, who pipped France to second place.

The British coxless pair of Bob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis lost the World Cup on a technicality predicted by Hunt-Davis before yesterday's final. The crew, leading after Munich and Paris, knew they had to win again to be sure of overall victory. They achieved second place, a whisker behind Lithuania, which left Lithuania and Britain with 18 points apiece. By the rules of a tie, the Lucerne winners prevail.

The British, still improving, had no excuses. "It went to plan," Hunt-Davis said. "We have to got to work on our second 500. We have time to do it."

Both the coxless pair of Dot Blackie and Cath Bishop and the double scull of Miriam Batten and Gillian Lindsay finished fourth yesterday, but well off the pace. The pair suffered from a slow start and the double scullers had a poor third 500 metres. Some fine-tuning could see them break through to medal-winning form before the world championships in September and both crews had the consolation of finishing third in the World Cup rankings.

Greg Searle and Guin Batten, the British scullers, have more leeway to make up in their incredibly competitive events. Searle failed to qualify for the "petite" final. Harry Mahon, the coach, thought that Searle might have been flat after his exertions at Henley, adding that he has got to learn to raise the rate in sculling as he did in rowing.

Batten, somewhat one-paced, failed by one place to qualify in her Saturday semi-final and, after the race, her pulse rate remained high, an after-effect of a viral infection earlier in the week. She withdrew from yesterday's petite final considering it "sensible to play it safe".

British crews in the non-World Cup events on Saturday provided an impressive curtain-raiser for yesterday's World Cup performances. Britain's colours were the most frequently seen on the Saturday victory rostrum, with a total of seven medal successes. The most eye-catching performances were delivered by the women's coxless four and the men's lightweight eight.

EQUESTRIANISM: AACHEN WINNER MAINTAINS IMPRESSIVE RUN OF FORM WITH EMPHATIC VICTORY AT HICKSTEAD

Whitaker gallops to vintage treble

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

JOHN WHITAKER, the winner of the Aachen Grand Prix two weeks ago, continued his formidable partnership with Keeley Durham's 17-year-old Virtual Village Welham when he won the King George V Gold Cup on the final day of the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead. It is his third success in the event.

The victory yesterday, in which Whitaker relegated Jos Lansink, of Holland, a former winner of the Volvo World Cup, to second place on Carthago Z by an astonishing 5.28sec, confirms Welham's place among an elite of three. Ryan's Son, the horse that propelled Whitaker to the forefront of the sport, won the King George in 1986; Milton, the 1989 European champion, was responsible for Whitaker's second success, in 1990.

"He's still improving," Whitaker said of the elderly Welham, who looks set to be the mainstay in the Great Britain team for the European championships next month. Certainly, the performance he gave yesterday against the clock must rank as one of his finest.

Only five horses were clear over the big opening round, which, with its varied fences — gates, water, oxers and an infamous double of water ditches — proved a fitting test for this illustrious competition.

Lansink, the first to go in the jump-off, produced a clear round in 55.09sec — a time he knew was vulnerable. Robert Splaine, of Ireland, the winner in 1995 with Heather Blaze, dropped out of contention with 12 faults on Ballymoss. Geoff Glazzard and Hello Oscar, going third, faulted at the last two fences. Whitaker's arrival in the arena was greeted with expectant cheers. The fast, near-perfect going was in marked contrast to the mud of Aachen, but Welham is as adaptable as he is careful. Never looking unduly pressed, they finished clear in 49.81sec to go into the lead.

There were then some anxious minutes as Geoff Billington and Virtual Village It's Otto, the last to go, were up on Whitaker's time at the halfway stage, but, turning too sharply into the final fence, It's Otto realised he was being asked the impossible and stopped. Billington's quick recovery allowed him to still finish third.

Earlier, a disappointing Queen Elizabeth II Cup produced a surprising result when two riders competing in the event for the first time filled the top two places. Lynne Bevan, better known as a three-day eventer, won on Grafton Magna, 14, a horse that Mark Todd had ridden on the first two days of the show without success. Bevan completed the only clear round in the five-horse jump-off.

Jane Annett, 25, who had been "dreading" the event for the past two weeks because she thought it would be too big for her mare, Pipkie, took second place, faulting only at the final fence. Helena Weinberg, the former British rider competing in the event for the first time since 1986, finished third on Ferdinand.

Bevan, whose former top event horse, Horton Point, won Badminton with Todd in 1994, decided to compete only a fortnight ago. She had intended to be at the Lumuhlen three-day event in Germany this weekend but she chipped her collarbone in a fall last month — an injury that forced her to pull out of her preparatory event for Germany. "I had already offered Grafton Magna to Mark [Todd] for Hickstead, so I thought it would fit in well if I took up my place in the Queen Elizabeth," she said.

Despited her limited showjumping experience, Bevan, who has now given up eventing, was not nervous at the prospect of jumping against such seasoned internationals as Marion Hughes, from Ireland — winner of the Queen Elizabeth for the past two years — and Di Lampard, the Briton who won in 1994. "Nerves didn't come into it — the horse had been going so badly with Todd I didn't think I had a hope."

RESULTS

KING GEORGE V GOLD CUP: 1, Virtual Village Welham (J Whitaker, GB) 0 in 49.41; 2, Carthago Z (J Lansink, Holl) 0 in 55.09; 3, Virtual Village Its Otto (G Billington, GB) 7 in 52.69.

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP: 1, Grafton Magna (L Bevan) 0 in 60.60; 2, Pipkie (J Annett, GB) 4 in 54.05; 3, Ferdinand (H Weinberg, Ger) 8 in 51.78.

DRESSAGE GRAND PRIX: 1, Legal Democrat (C Hesler, GB) 1,640; 2, Comanche (M Bansono, US) 1,639; 3, Flim Flam (S Blinks, US) 1,630.

GRAND PRIX SPECIAL: 1, Flim Flam (S Blinks, US) 1,479; 2, Comanche (M Bansone, US) 1,442; 3, Olympic Barbria (T Bartels, Holl) 1,403.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Whitaker and Virtual Village Welham soar clear on their way to victory in the King George V Gold Cup at Hickstead yesterday

Sport ready for return to former glory

Simon Barnes suggests that sponsors and television companies should be turning their attention back to a one-time favourite

There was a certain brand of fags, or gaspers or coffin-nails, that used to sponsor the showjumping here at Hickstead. Organisations and brand-names that take such a position at sporting events are traditionally referred to as "generous sponsors".

Nothing generous about it, though. Commercial sponsors are in it for the commerce; how should it be otherwise? By association with a certain sport, the sponsoring organisation is seeking more customers — or addicts, in the case of a fag (or, for that matter, booze) sponsorship.

These things are hard to quantify, but showjumping has, for years, been seen as a sport that is losing its glamour. Thus Silk Cut decided that the addict-recruitment potential of Formula One motor racing was greater than that of show jumping.

It briefly looked as though Hickstead, showjumping's Wembley or Wimbledon or Silverstone, would be lost to sport. Its organisers had relied overmuch on a single generous sponsor, but Paul Schockemohle, a German who used to come to England to show us how to ride showjumping courses, decided that it was time he came here to show us how to run horse shows.

He introduced a complex multi-sponsor package, but his first step was the biggest and most reckless — to double the prize-money of the biggest event of the meeting, the King George V Gold Cup, to £45,000. Naturally, that brought in great horses and great riders. A challenging course and golden weather made for great sport.

There was a jump-off as tight and as tense as anything in sport this weekend and a round of in-your-face intensity from John Whitaker and Welham. Their turn into the second-last was a small masterpiece of balanced, logical assault. Last to go was Geoff Billingham, who, with his stunningly athletic It's Otto, looked home and hosed, bold and fast as you could wish, until they slipped a fraction — "nervous clutch," Billingham said afterwards — coming into the last and felled it.

A golden afternoon of sport, yet this is a sport that is supposed to be boring, utterly lacking in glamour, a world away from Formula One. There is always a difference between image and reality. The reality is that Formula One is a sport that has absolutely everything right — except the sport. It is a race in which nobody ever overtakes anybody. It is an event decided by the number of times a car needs to stop for petrol.

By any logical criterion, Formula One is a poor sport. Now motor racing, like the horsey sports, has its heartland, its devoted readers of specialist magazines, but it is not for these that sports compete. They need the channel-surfers, the floating voters and they need to turn them into a constituency of friendly zappers. That is what wins the repeat television contracts and, therefore, the sponsors.

Formula One, with its serial breakdowns, its thrilling tyre-changes and the dramatic shots of people filling up the car with petrol — and don't forget the stamps — has the hearts and minds of the zappers, for it has one thing that other and lovelier sports lack: it has a soap opera.

People complain that show jumpers are dull fellows. True, neither of the Whitakers is exactly Oscar Wilde. "Very pleased," John said afterwards. "Prestigious event." But, then, Nigel Mansell was a byword for whining tedium and he was adored and voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year. There was a time when showjumpers routinely won the award, but those days are gone. There is also much talk of the loss of public love that coincided with the sponsors naming horses after themselves — I really ought to have added the words "Virtual Village" before the names of both the horses that I have mentioned.

What about grand prix drivers? And their cars? At least they don't paint the horses with fag-packet logos, at least there are a few square feet of rider un-logo-encumbered. Showjumpers seek and find thousands; the grand prix drivers do the same in millions.

In skill, in nerve, in intensity, the jobs are comparable. In the top performers, there is a touch of cold-bloodedness, the existence of a kind of fighting computer. Both types of pilot are about as devil-may-care as astronauts.

No sport has a right to public attention and to every person is given the inalienable right to be bored in the manner of his own choosing, but I really don't think we horsey people should keep our sharable joys to ourselves.

GOLF: OPEN FINAL QUALIFYING PROVES FRUSTRATING FOR ZIMBABWEAN BUT DRUMMOND HAS DAY TO REMEMBER

Johnstone feeling short-changed by Scottish measures

BY MEL WEBB

A FOOT is a foot is a foot. It is a finite measure, is it not, three of them to a yard, 5,280 to a mile? Try telling Tony Johnstone that — he is convinced that down Kilmarnock Barassie way they have their own way of measuring units of 12 inches.

Johnstone had a tortuous time on the greens in the first round of the final qualifying competition for the Open Championship yesterday, then complained bitterly that the measurements of the pin placements were all over the shop. The modern professional plays his game to the metric millimetre, never mind the imperial inch. If the inaccuracy moves into feet, calamity ensues.

"In an Open Championship qualifier they should use a wheel," the Zimbabwean said. "I'm guessing they paced them out. They were yards out in some cases."

Johnstone said that he, his caddie, and David Carter, one of his playing partners, checked the positions and found them to be wrong. Johnstone, Carter and Glenn Richards, the third member of the group, did, it must be said, have an axe to grind. They had rounds of 74, 75 and 81 respectively, took 4hr 40min to complete their three-ball and had to let the group behind them go through.

Johnstone had a double-bogey seven and two bogeys, due entirely, no doubt, to the inaccuracy of the pin-placement charts. Only two questions need to be answered in Kilmarnock's defence. First, if the charts were as wonky as Johnstone claimed, how come he got three birdies? Second, in the face of such inaccuracy, how could Peter O'Malley and Anthony Wall possibly have broken the course record with 67? Remarkable. Quite remarkable.

O'Malley had an eagle, five birdies and only one bogey, which he incurred on the 4th with the only bad shot he hit all day. He took the wrong club, a nine-iron, flew the green and could not get up and down.

At least Johnstone will be back on the golf course today, attempting to make a better fist of things. Stuart Cage, on the other hand, was heading back home last night after being disqualified for signing for a wrong score. Cage, a former Walker Cup player who won the Cannes Open championship this year, will be 24 on Wednesday, but he will be in no mood to celebrate. Cage signed for a four instead of a five on the 17th after a 76, not realising that the hole-by-hole scores on his card totalled 75.

The error was pointed out to Cage after he had handed in his card and left the recorder's tent. He almost immediately went back in to plead his case to change the card, but there was no way out of the situation. That hard-hearted arbiter, The Rules of Golf, allows no room for negotiation in these matters. Was the score wrong or not? It was? End of discussion; disqualified.

Brian Hobart, deputy chairman of the R & A Championship Committee and in charge at Barassie, said: "It is unfortunate, but the rules of golf have to be applied. We were not able to correct the error as the card had been handed in." Cruel, but fair.

Meanwhile, one of those romantic little stories that invariably surface during final qualifying had its first act at Irvine. Scott Drummond, a 23-year-old who has been a professional for less than a year, spends most of his sporting life paddling a lonely and largely unsuccessful course through the backwaters of such competitions as the Mastercard, Hippo and Futures Tours. But yesterday he found himself sailing up a tributary marked "Open Championship".

Drummond, making his third attempt to qualify for the Open, had a 65 to lead a field thick with full-blown PGA European Tour players. He had six birdies and included not a solitary bogey on his card. He was still wearing an "Oh-my-gosh" grin hours afterwards, and no wonder.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES

GLASGOW GAILES

66: D Hammond (US), J Remesy (Fr), W Westner (SA). 67: S Dunlap (US), R Jacquelin (Fr). 68: S Downton (Orsett), R Wessels (SA), S Bennett (Swingtime). 69: R Winchester (unattached), M Jonzon (Swe), K Tomori (Japan), P Price (Pontypridd), * P Nelson (Renishaw Park), * P Fenton (Huddersfield), J McHenry (MMI Stockbrokers), G Dodd (Aus), J Chaffee (US), D Cooper (Boss Trucks UK), T Armour III (US), D Bradley (unattached), M Miller (unattached), T Gögele (Ger), D Robertson (Team G de Z Capital), * M King (Ballards Gore), K Vallo (Fin), K Duke (US). 70: V Phillips (Stoke Park), D Higgins (Waterville), A Sherborne (BCH Vehicle Management), D SHacklady (Leisure Lakes), L Ferris (Lamberhurst), I Steel (Moor Park), * J Carter (Mid-Kent), J Steenkamer (Holl), M Gronberg (Swe), S Townend (unattached), * M James (Banstead Downs), P Saunders (Bedfordshire), B McColl (Thorpe Hall), S McPherson (Felixstowe Ferry), P Farmer (Wanstead). 71: S Field (Warranty Holdings Ltd), P Teravainen (US), * S Wakefield (Trentham Park), P Affleck (Target Worldwide Express), V Guest (Teesside), A Hunter (unattached), R Arnold (Filton), J Rask (Swe), M Jones (Bolton Open), S Luna (Sp), S Pigott (West Malling), R McCann (US), J Taylor (Tall Pines), T Herron (US), D Boulet (Hong Kong), R Peters (Beacon Park), K Waters (unattached), M Higginbottom (Woodsome Hall), P Simpson (Harpenden Common), C Perry (US), D Borrego (Sp), M Mamat (Sing). 72: * I Lyner (Leicestershire), S Castlan (Marriott Dalmahoy Hotel), J Lovell (Brokenhurst Manor), A Tait (Optical Express), D Smyth (Ire), S Grappasoni (It), I Ellis (R Norwich), * R Price (Monmouthshire). 73: B Davis (East Herts), * G Advies (Abbeydale), I Pyman (Thirsty Camel), D Hodgson (Stoke Poges), * M Brooks (Carluke), C Corrigan (Haigh Hall), J Hawkes (SA), M Macara (N Wales), S Watson (unattached), M J Kyung (S Kor), R Lee (unattached), R Huxtable (US), P Wardell (Longniddry), C Williams (SA), R Rafferty (Staley Hall), D Wyborn (Betchworth Park), F Tarnaud (Fr), A Butterfield (Chislehurst). 74: M Banning (Whitewebbs Park), C Gane (Kingswood), G Owen (unattached), R Burns (K Club), K Stables (Montrose Links), R Neill (Mill Ride), H Buhrmann (SA), P Senaprom (Thai), P Stoller (Moor Allerton), R Ponce (Ecu), A Crompton (Haigh Hall), G Garbero (US), L Spencer (Ger), J Proctor (Stadium Golf). 75: F Clark (Hagley), M Wheeler (Carns Hall), R Lawrie (Seacroft), K Keely (Woodbridge). 76: M Foster (Worksop), A Wright (York Driving Range), G Furey (Pleasington), * C Mitchell (Blairgowrie), E Korblah (Gha), L Lockwood (Benton Hall), * J Donaldson (Macclesfield). 77: P Magennis (Bushey), D Clee (Wharton Park), J Challen (Sp). 78: C Tyson (Malton and Norton), * W Renwick (Hawick). 79: C Phillips (Ingon Manor).

IRVINE BOGSIDE

65: S Drummond (Arscott), D Chopra (Swe). 66: J Payne (Marriott Forest of Arden). 67: D A Russell (Mid-Kent), M Roe (unattached), E Cardy (Druids Glen), R Davis (Aus), A Sandywell (Astbury), G Orr (Burhill), S Allan (Aus), G Ghei (India), J Kernohan (US), E Rustand (US). 68: M Peel (Pyle and Kenfig), * B Howard (Cochrane Castle), D Harris (Dunwood Manor), C Hall (Rushcliffe), P Barnsley (US), S Strüver (Ger). 69: C Ronald (Torrance House), R Chapman (unattached), R Boxall (Chobham), J Curtis (Chorlton-cum-Hardy), C Suneson (Sp), M Treleaven (Hayling), N van Rensburg (SA), P Barnsley (US), J Metcalfe (Boldon), C G Soon (Sing), K Vainola (Fin), A Raitt (St George's Hill). 70: D Screeton (Chorlton-cum-Hardy), C Smellie (unattached), N Connelly (Staverton Park), A Crerar (Downfield), * R Beames (Wick), * J Hepworth (Ilkley), P Eales (Northern Rock), G Davies (Pontypool), B Dredge (Bryn Meadows), M Wootton (Lakeside), A Hansen (Den). 71: * C Williams (Cregiau), S Whiffen (Enfield), A Canete (Arg), T Purtzer (US), M Wills (Whitchurch), R Crawshay (Tankersley Park), A Atwal (US), K Jones (US), I Ball (Longcliffe). 72: J Mellor (Hillsborough), M Hollingsworth (Denton), M Davis (unattached), P Cartman (Huddersfield), M Goggin (Aus), J Wade (Aus), M Hallberg (Swe), M Florioli (It), S Richardson (KPMG), J Pinsent (Sandy Lodge), D Jones (Dickson Insurance), T Christie (NZ), F Mansson (Swe), D Botes (SA), J C Pinero (Sp), N Dunroe (Eaton), M Wilson (Belton Woods). 73: A Nash (Lostwithiel), W Longmuir (Stonyhill), P Lawrie (unattached), R Drummond (unattached), W Bennett (unattached), R Lewis (Royal St George's), M Johnson (unattached), M Hastie (Turnberry Hotel), I Taylor (Stonyhurst Park), N Walton (Romanby), A Lovelace (Hoebridge), S McKenna (Stocksfield), T Spence (E Sussex National); R Tinworth (Hever). 74: G Evans (unattached), J Senden (Aus), A Crompton (Haigh Hall), P Harrison (Minories), T Hanson (Cardiff), P Smith (Newmacher), D Fletcher (Chester-le-Street), K Carissimi (US), F Quinn (US), J Dove (Fairhaven). 75: J Price (Aus), * M Pilkington (Pwllheli), M Welch (Hill Valley), D Muscroft (Garforth), J Bevan (The Suffolk), J Taylor (Aus), J Clewett (Clyne). 76: M Gates (unattached), M Cort (Mawby and King Ltd), A Beal (Bowood), D Cox (Bramley), * R Wiggins (Ponteland), I Bailey (Longcliffe). 77: * B Taylor (Thorpe Hall), P Dwyer (Clitheroe). 78: R Adams (South Winchester), P Audsley (Oakdale). 79: A Barnett (R St David's). 81: D Porthouse (Oastpark), F Valera (Drwetime Golf Centre), * D Quinney (Haverhill), M Daubney (Olton)

KILMARNOCK BARASSIE

(early scores)

67: P O'Malley (Aus), A Wall (unattached). 68: D Tapping (Fujitsu), * S Webster (Ifield). 69: P Hinton (Chesterton Valley), S Bottomley (unattached). 70: A Oldcorn (Marriott Dalmahoy Hotel), R Coles (Maylands), D Downie (Brunston Castle). 71: J Skold (Swe), G Brand Jr (unattached), M Campbell (NZ), G Clark (Logistix Kids), R Karlsson (Swe). 72: C Mason (unattached), S McAllister (Charing Cross Tower Hotel), * C Rogers (Royal Mid-Surrey), P Baker (The Warwickshire), M Tunnicliff (unattached). 73: I Garbutt (unattached), P Golding (South Herts), C Pena (US), N Briggs (Arthur Doodson Insurance Brokers), R Muntz (Holl), M Bradley (Keighley). 74: D Pearce (Barnard Castle), A Johnstone (Zim), S Thompson (Gleddoch), S Webster (Ansty Golf Centre), B Jackson (Aus), S Allen (West Surrey), S Hurley (Bristol and Clifton), P Walton (unattached), L Barber (US). 75: J Higgins (Patshull Park), D Carter (Handley Wood), G Law (Uphall), J Haeggman (Swe), * L Booth (Brokenhurst Manor), D Mansell (Silkstone), S Gallacher (The Walker Dickson Group), J Wither (Paisley). 76: * S Braithwaite (Droitwich), S Cage (Sand Moor), A Langenaeken (Bel). 77: D Clark (Whitchurch), D Brunton (Ringway), J O'Brien (Widnes). 78: J Marshall (Westerham). 79: W Alcock (Tamworth), A Marshall (ALMA Consulting), D Vannet (Peterculter). 80: C Giddins (Hastings). 81: * S McCarthy (Royal North Devon), G Richards (Manor House). 88: M Gallagher (Peterborough Milton). 90: J O'Malley (Tournerbury).

WESTERN GAILES

(early scores)

67: J Coceres (Arg), S Leaney (Aus). 68: A Cabrera (Arg), K Eriksson (Swe), J McCreadie (Buchanan Castle), P Curry (unattached), A Magee (US), P Way (Crawley Futures), B McGovern (unattached), D Hospital (Sp). 69: R O'Hanlon (Seedy Mill), D Howell (Broome Manor), D Lee (unattached), A Forsbrand (Swe), * A Forsyth (Ralston), G Christian (US). 70: S Murphy (US), N Turley (Kidderminster), S Henderson (Kings Links), * J Miller (Fulford), D Westermark (Swe), B Lane (Goldsmiths). 71: A Baguley (Leigh), M Litton (Leighton Buzzard), M Mouland (Nailcote Hall Hotel), * M Searle (Lyme Regis). 72: A Percey (Aus), M Ludwell (Selby), D J Russell (Kedleston Park), D Cole (Aus), G Emerson (Salisbury and South Wilts), R Willison (unattached), G Chalmers (Aus), R Aitken (Largs). 73: N Henning (SA), F Howley (Milltown), H Clark (unattached), N Preston (Prestbury), M Plummer (Manor House), * G Storm (Wynyard Park), M Lanner (Swe). 74: P Edwards (Springwater), M McLean (Crawley Warren), J Cooper (Aus), H Twitty (US), A Rowland (Bidston). 75: N Menchip (Royal County Down), S Renfrew (unattached), F Cuddi (Switz). 76: C Weatherhead (Silloth-on-Solway). 77: M Bessell (Knowle), D Barton (Stonebridge Golf Centre). 78: R Hussey (West Essex), M Oliver (Basildon). 79: R Watts (Lambourne). 80: M Roberts (Sunningdale).

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GOLF

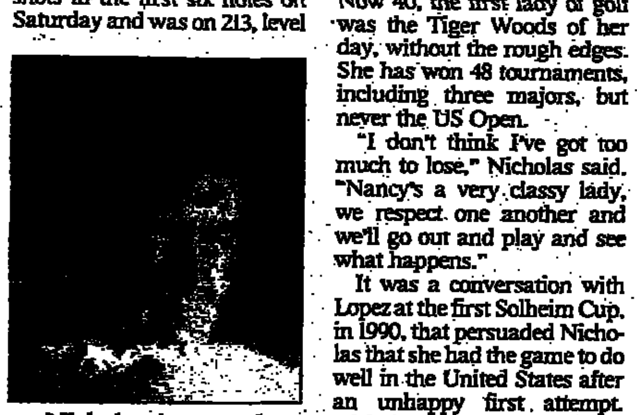
Nicholas sizes up chance for growth

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PORTLAND, OREGON

THE only time that Alison Nicholas found her size a drawback was when she played tennis — "It's tough when you can't see your opponent on the other side of the net," she says — but lack of inches has not impeded her growing stature as a golfer.

Here at Pumpkin Ridge yesterday, the 5ft Englishwoman was in a position to win the 52nd US Women's Open championship, leading the veteran Nancy Lopez by three shots, with a total of 203, ten under par, going into the final round. Lisa Hackney, from Staffordshire, was a revelation in third place on 208, after a third round of 67, four under par, that included four birdies and an eagle three.

Liselotte Neumann, the champion in 1988, slipped out of contention by dropping six shots in the first six holes on Saturday and was on 213, level par. She was one of eight Europeans in the top 20.


Nicholas: in control

Laura Davies missed the cut, as did Annika Sorenstam, the defending champion, who was aiming for an unprecented hat-trick. Davies, who started it all by winning this title in 1987, had a double bogey at the 18th but still spent the weekend cheering on her compatriots.

Hackney, 30, is top of the rookie-of-the-year standings in the United States this season, but she has been a professional since 1991 and has grown in confidence since making a successful Solheim Cup debut at St Pierre last year.

She is playing in her second US Open — she missed the cut at Oakmont in 1992 — and was first out on Thursday morning. She was three over par after ten holes and Martin Hall, her fiancé and coach, who had been up at 4.30am to do the ironing, was ageing prematurely. Hackney, a low-key soul, did not panic, working her way to five under par after 54 holes.

Nicholas had five birdies and only one bogey, at the hazardous 6th, in her 67 on Saturday. She struck the ball superbly and putted with a consummate touch on greens that were becoming slicker as the sun shone. Her concentration was total, despite the legion of noisy and devoted Lopez fans following their heroine in the group ahead.

Nicholas did not expect to find them a problem yesterday either. She accepted that Lopez, whose first victory in Portland was the US girls' junior championship in 1974, was the sentimental favourite. Now 40, the first lady of golf was the Tiger Woods of her day, without the rough edges. She has won 48 tournaments, including three majors, but never the US Open.

"I don't think I've got too much to lose," Nicholas said. "Nancy's a very classy lady, we respect one another and we'll go out and play and see what happens."

It was a conversation with Lopez at the first Solheim Cup, in 1990, that persuaded Nicholas that she had the game to do well in the United States after an unhappy first attempt. Nicholas and Davies caused a big upset when they defeated Lopez and Pat Bradley, another icon, in the opening foursomes of that Solheim, but Lopez beat Nicholas in the singles 6 and 4.

This is a different Nicholas, however. She *is* playing well — beaten in a play-off in the Evian Masters and third in the Guardian Irish Open last month — and has her swing and her body in shape, thanks to a lot of hard work with Lawrence Farmer, her coach, and Paul Darby, her fitness trainer, who has travelled out to Oregon.

A Christian, she also seemed to have her mind, the crucial component, under control. "My friends prayed for me to be calm on Saturday," she said. "I was nervous, but I felt a calm and a peace." A similar state of grace was what was required yesterday.

John Hopkins talks to Earl Woods, the father of a phenomenon

Turning Tiger cub into golf's young Master

If there is no more important task for a parent than overseeing and directing the upbringing of their offspring, then Earl Woods can sit back now and pat himself on the back for a job well done.

Tiger Woods, the only child of his second marriage, is acclaimed as a golfing prodigy who, at the age of 21, is the Masters champion, has won seven tournaments in his first 11 months as a professional and has sent ripples through sport in the way that only the likes of Pelé and Cassius Clay have done in the past.

Tiger has been the subject of a carefully thought-out strategy by his parents from long before he was born. Earl and Tida Woods decided that Tiger would come first in their relationship from the moment he was born and, since then, the planning and carrying out of predetermined ideas has never stopped.

Earl Woods, for example, loves jazz. "It is so creative, so melodic," he said last week from the offices of the Tiger Woods Foundation in California. "I wanted Tiger to hear it at the earliest possible moment and so I made sure that music from the local jazz station was playing on the radio when Tiger was brought home from the hospital. I wanted him to hear it straight away."

In his book, *Training a Tiger*, Earl Woods recounts how, when Tiger was asleep in his cot, he would stand over him and talk gently to him, while stroking Tiger's cheek with his left finger. "The bond between us is very powerful now," Earl Woods repeated last week. "For example, Tiger was in Chicago two weeks ago. I was in the same hotel as he was, but I did not go to his room and he did not come to mine. We met only once, and briefly at that. That was sufficient. Tiger wanted me there. It made him feel comfortable.

"Same at Troon. Unfortunately, I shall be there — unfortunately, because I have a foot-high pile of administration to do here, but, if Tiger wants me to be there because he says it makes him feel comfortable, then I shall be there."

Woods is open to accusations of attempting genetic engineering instead of allowing his offspring to develop naturally. "There was no grand plan that he would be a golfer," Woods said. "He could be a fireman for all I care, so long as he was the best fireman it was possible to be. It was simply to make sure he was a good person."

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Woods embraces his father after winning the Masters at Augusta in April with a record-breaking score

Then why was such an elaborate plan thought up with Tiger and not with the children of his first marriage? "With Tiger I had time," Woods said. "I was around Tiger from the time he was born. With the other children, I was away. I was in Vietnam, Thailand. There were gaps in their development."

The moment that Earl Woods realised Tiger was exceptional came early in their son's life. Before Tiger could walk properly, he would sit in a chair in the garage and watch his father swing a golf club. Then he would try to copy what he had seen. Because he was facing his father, he swung in a mirror image, swinging left-handed in other words. "One day, he stopped in mid-swing and changed from swinging left-handed to right-handed," his father recalled. "At the same time, he changed his grip to that of a right-hander. He did that when he was ten months old. That was when I knew I had a special son.

"I never had to punish him. I never restricted him. I never put a hand on him. I never had to admonish him. He always did his homework. He was a self-starter. He drove me, not me him. He was an almost perfect child. An almost ungodly perfection exists in this child.

"I taught him to analyse so that he could control things. I said to him: 'Whose responsibility is it when you bang your club on the ground in temper? Is it that crow in the big tree over there? Is it his responsibility? Or is it the sound of the wind whistling through those trees over there? Whose responsibility was it?' I asked. He would say: 'Mine.' I always tried to tie the lessons of golf into lessons of life.

"The first time he wanted to stay out, we had to establish a curfew. I did not tell him what I had in mind. I said to him: 'What do you think? Talk to your friends. Let me know.' He came up with a time that was an hour earlier than the time I had in mind."

Yet even Tiger, this paragon, was not spared the traditional rebellion of adolescence. It came about over a girl. "It was his first relationship and he fell head over heels with a girl," Earl said. "He was about 15 at the time and it lasted for 3½ years.

"He would not listen to anyone. He was Mr Know-it-All. I told him he was too young to be in with one person 100 per cent. It took him a long time to realise, but, when he did, he severed the relationship. It was time to move on, he said."

There is an air of certainty about Earl Woods and the way he talks that is as striking as some of the achievements of his son. Surely, he and Tida must have had some doubts as to the regime they imposed on their son? "I never had any self-doubts, or reservations," Woods replied. "I had raised three children before who had become adults. I had experience in parenting."

As important as bringing children up is allowing them to leave home, both literally and metaphorically. Woods knew about that, too. "I said to my wife that, when Tiger walks out of that door to go to college, he ceases to live here. She said: 'But he's only 18.'" Woods replied: "That's it, he's gone. He only comes home for laundry and to see his friends."

> 'He could be a fireman, so long as he was the best fireman it was possible to be'

And so it is now. Tiger, besieged by his popularity, lives in a guarded estate in Florida, as far from his parents as it is possible to go and remain in the United States — but the bonding has been done. He will always be Tida and Earl's son.

"I have let him go," Earl Woods said. "You know all these public relations *faux pas* he has made and the trouble he has been in with the press? I could have prevented all that, but I wanted him to fumble and bumble his own way so he would learn, grow and mature. And it has worked.

"Two weeks ago, he called me and said he had been doing some soul-searching. He thanked me for allowing him to make the mistakes that had made him grow. He was truly grateful."

Training a Tiger by Earl Woods (Hodder & Stoughton £14.99)

Triumphant Lehman putts to perfection

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THERE is a road sign almost outside an entrance to the Loch Lomond golf club that reads: "Argyll and Bute welcomes careful drivers." Underneath are the words: "And good putters, too." In winning the Gulfstream World Invitational at Loch Lomond, Tom Lehman played like the Open champion he is. He was not only a good putter, but good in all departments of the sometimes infuriating game of golf.

Just how good can be judged from the fact that Lehman had only two bogeys in 72 holes, a level of consistency he said he had never achieved before. The rain-dampened beautiful course was less of a test because there was no wind and, in the main, the flags were placed in generous positions, but to be 19 under par after rounds of 65, 66, 67 and 67 is memorable golf and allowed Lehman to put the finishing touches to his defence of the Open Championship that he won last year at Lytham knowing that his swing is on plane, his striking accurate and his putting good.

Putting is generally the key to Lehman's game. Jim Flick, the eminent teacher, has said: "I think that Tom is a wonderful lag putter and a wonderful short putter, but, by Tour standards, he is not a wonderful putter of putts of ten to 20 feet."

Lehman calls himself a streaky putter, much as if he is a piece of bacon. What he means is that he has spells when his putting is good, when he often wins convincingly.

"My victories come when I putt well," he said. "I won by five at Memorial [in 1994] and by five here. I was six ahead at Lytham [after 54 holes of the Open last year] and won the Tour Championship [last October] by six strokes, having led by nine after 54 holes. When I putt well, I can do a lot."

The only moment of concern for Lehman was on the 3rd, when he took his second bogey of the tournament and fell back to 14 under par at the same time as Pierre Fulke birdied the same hole to move to the same figure.

Fulke, who eventually finished joint-fourth, could not sustain his challenge and, besides, Lehman was soon in a stretch of the golf course that he appeared to have annexed for his own pleasure. He birdied the 7th, 8th and 9th to move three strokes ahead of Fulke and the birdie on the short 8th was his fourth there of the week. A 66 by Ernie Els, a 68 by Greg Norman, a 67 by Colin Montgomerie and a 68 by Payne Stewart meant top ten finishes for all these men. Stewart, it should not be forgotten, was only one stroke away from getting into the play-off for the 1989 Open. The pattern here is that some of the best players in the world are approaching their best form.

Nick Faldo, an avowed links specialist, is near enough that state to entertain hopes of being able to raise his game this week. It could be an Open to rival that of 1993, when Norman won with a 64 in the last round and Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer and Nick Price and Els all followed closely behind.

Montgomerie's new low-key approach to the Open, in which he declines to talk about it, appears to be bearing fruit. "I have never played so well leading up to a major championship as I am now," he said, pointing out that his form since the PGA Championship at Wentworth has been consistently the best he has played. This run of form has contributed to his becoming the all-time leading money-winner in Europe, overtaking Bernhard Langer. "It has been a good week. I wanted to perform, but not necessarily to win — that would tire me out."

It is a shame that a tournament at such a beautiful venue should have been blighted by slow play on the course and slow traffic off it. Montgomerie repeated his view that it was time the European Tour altered its slow-play procedures. He pointed out that play at the Congressional Club in last month's US Open was somewhat quicker than at Loch Lomond — "and the width of the fairways there to here was as night and day".

"Slow play needs to be raised again and again and again," Montgomerie said in words that should reverberate around the European Tour's headquarters. It was pointed out to Montgomerie that, in the 1947 Open at Hoylake, the starting times for the last day's two rounds for Fred Daly, who would go on to win, were 8.40am and 11.10am. Montgomerie looked impressed. "There you go," he said. "I rest my case."

Then, no doubt, he climbed into his car and tried to make a quick getaway from the club. Fat chance. It took 40 minutes to travel three miles — even for careful drivers and good putters.

FINAL SCORES FROM LOCH LOMOND

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

265: T Lehman (US) 65, 66, 67, 67. 270: E Els (SA) 70, 69, 65, 66. 272: R Goosen (SA) 71, 70, 69, 62. 273: G Norman (Aus) 68, 68, 69, 68; P Fulke (Swe) 70, 64, 66, 73. 274: M Hallberg (Swe) 67, 71, 71, 65; P Broadhurst 68, 70, 68, 68; P Stewart (US) 73, 67, 66, 68. 275: S Jones (US) 69, 65, 68, 73. 276: C Montgomerie 69, 70, 70, 67; P O'Malley (Aus) 71, 68, 68, 69. 277: J Haeggman (Swe) 63, 72, 71, 71. 278: R Allenby (Aus) 68, 72, 70, 68; T Bjorn (Den) 72, 67, 70, 69; T Purtzer (US) 68, 69, 70, 71. 279: J Parnevik (Swe) 70, 71, 68, 70; M James 72, 71, 65, 71; J Rask (Swe) 70, 70, 68, 71; A Cabrera (Arg) 67, 72, 67, 73; G Day (US) 66, 72, 68, 73. 280: N Faldo 67, 73, 72, 68. 281: S McAllister 69, 68, 77, 67; L Westwood 70, 73, 66, 72; L Mize (US) 70, 69, 70, 72. 282: R Lee 70, 71, 73, 68; P Sjoland (Swe) 75, 67, 72, 68; D Clarke 72, 68, 72, 70; C Rocca (It) 70, 71, 66, 75; M Gronberg (Swe) 68, 69, 69, 76; P Curry 63, 72, 70, 77. 283: R Muntz (Holl) 69, 74, 73, 67; P Eales 68, 74, 71, 70; R Russell 70, 70, 72, 71; M A Jiménez (Sp) 69, 73, 70, 71; P-U Johansson (Swe) 72, 71, 68, 72; D Tapping 71, 67, 72, 73; D Cooper 71, 70, 69, 73; A Coltart 73, 69, 68, 73. 284: I Woosnam 72, 71, 74, 67; R Rafferty 69, 68, 74, 73; D Robertson 71, 72, 67, 74; P Hedblom (Swe) 73, 70, 66, 75

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Lehman enjoys the spoils of victory at Loch Lomond

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ATHLETICS

Murray faces up to temptation after comeback

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

YVONNE MURRAY, in her first significant track race for two years, qualified yesterday for the world championships in Athens next month, finally winning a two-year-year battle to overcome injuries. Murray finished second to Paula Radcliffe, the world cross-country championships silver medal-winner, in the 5,000 metres at the British trials in Birmingham.

Murray, a former European champion and Olympic bronze medal-winner at 3,000 metres, used Radcliffe's forceful running during the second half of the race to squeeze inside the world championships' qualifying mark of 15min 40sec. Radcliffe won in 15min 30.36sec, Murray recording 15min 39.08sec.

Although Murray is now entitled to take her place in the Great Britain team, she said that she would take a day to think about it. She has recovered from the calf and back injuries that have kept her away from the limelight these past two years, but she is clearly some way below her best.

"The temptation is there to go, but I do not want to start putting pressure on myself," Murray said. "A one-off race is one thing, but having to run two heats and a final is another entirely. I will decide tomorrow and let the British Athletic Federation know."

Chris Rawlinson, who made his debut for Great Britain in the European Cup last month, finishing fifth, maintained his position as Britain's No 1 400 metres hurdler. Recording a personal best of 49.69sec, Rawlinson pulled Gary Jennings, in second place, to a world championships qualifying time.

These championships meant different things to different people. To some, it was the chance of a first international championship; to others, Athens held no great appeal. Paul Head, winner of the hammer, fell into the latter category. Head threw 71.58 metres, but does not possess the world championships qualifying standard of 74 metres. He is not rushing to find a competition where he might achieve it before the Athens entries close on July 22.

"I tried that last year for the Olympics and wiped myself out," Head said. "I have been to three world championships, done the Olympics, done the European championships twice, done the European Cup. I am an old man and I am not chasing qualification anymore."

Head is, in fact, only 32, compared with the 39 of Judy Oakes, who won her 39th national title, throwing 18.42 metres in the shot yesterday, the 36 of Bob Weir, who won the discus with 63.74 metres yesterday, and the 41 of Tessa Sanderson, who won the javelin on Saturday.

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Sanderson, the 1984 Olympic champion, will be the oldest member of Britain's team in Athens, by some years. In her first competition of 1997, she won without being remotely challenged, the oldest slinger in town, but still the best. The lack of good opposition disappointed her.

"The competition out there was very boring — there is no other word for it," Sanderson said. She will be going to Athens 23 years after appearing in her first senior international championship. "I tried to lift myself, but it was difficult."

Sanderson: still the best

Sanderson threw her winning distance of 58.30 metres in the first round. "It was not until the fourth round that they came out with 54," she said. "It was not like a major championships, where you can keep your mind buzzing."

Asked whether she might attempt to continue until the next Olympics, when she would be 44, Sanderson accused her inquirer of being "funny" before saying: "Definitely not." In Atlanta, she became the first British athlete to compete in six Olympics when she said she was "throwing for the grannies".

"I have done my job," the former Commonwealth Games and World Cup champion said. "I have done what I have to do for my country and for myself. The main reason I came back this season was to encourage young throwers."

Together with Kelly Holmes and Denise Lewis, who was third in the Atlanta Olympics heptathlon, Ashia Hansen is a prospective British medal-winner in the women's events in Athens. Hansen improved her British and Commonwealth triple jump record to 14.94 metres at the British grand prix in Sheffield two weeks ago, but needed only 14.10 metres here to win by a metre.

Colin Jackson, the 110 metres hurdles world record-holder, put a brave face on his defeat by Tony Jarrett on Saturday. Although Jackson has won only one race this season, he said that he felt he would still be a contender to win in Athens, noting with particular relish that no athlete had come close to breaking the 13sec barrier this season.

However, in Stuttgart yesterday, Allen Johnson, the world and Olympic champion, recorded 12.97sec. In Birmingham, Jackson recorded 13.39sec and Jarrett, twice a world silver medal-winner, 13.33sec.

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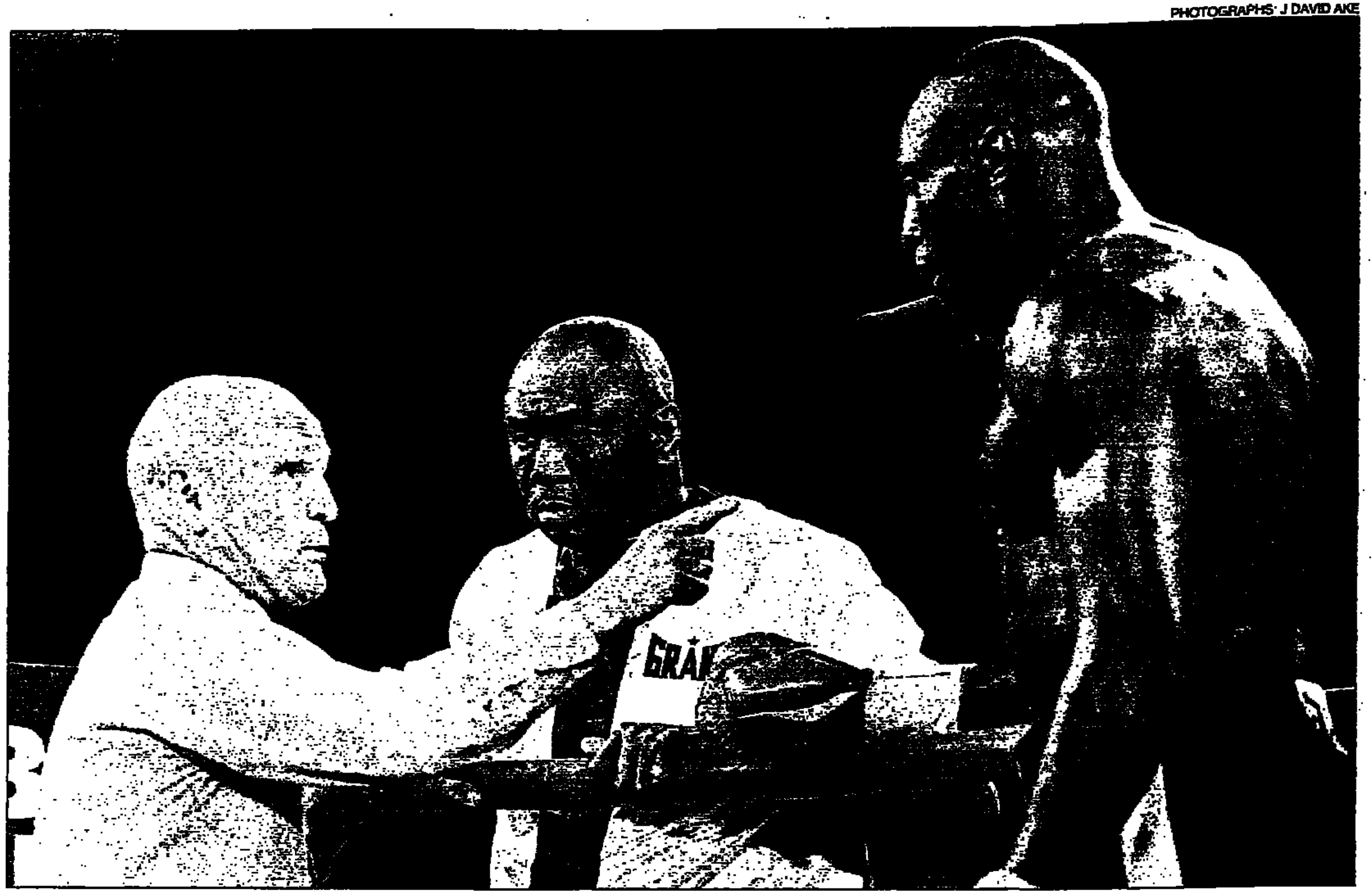


Lane warns Akinwande against holding during the second round of the world title contest with Lewis on Saturday. He later disqualified him

Akinwande lands boxing's latest blow

From Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
in Lake Tahoe

JUST when everyone was hoping that boxing would make a fresh start, after being disgraced by Mike Tyson 14 days ago, the disqualification of Henry Akinwande in the fifth round of his World Boxing Council heavyweight championship contest with Lennox Lewis on Saturday left the sport in an even more dishevelled state.

Akinwande refused to listen to the referee, Mills Lane, who told him to stop holding and to get on with the contest and the referee who also disqualified Tyson could do nothing else but, after repeated warnings, throw the challenger out.

The two British boxers had a chance to give boxing its name back and also to make a name for themselves by providing a competitive contest, but neither Lewis, the holder, nor Akinwande impressed. The fifth-round disqualification left Akinwande without his purse of $1 million and with a suspension pending an inquiry. The Nevada State Athletic Commission meets next week and Akinwande has 30 days to present his case. Because of a new law passed two days ago, he could lose more than ten per cent of his purse, which was, hitherto, the maximum the commission could withhold.

Lewis, who had been hoping to make a big impression in the United States with a spectacular win, failed to satisfy his fans or silence American critics who are yet to be convinced that he is a worthy heavyweight champion. The bout turned out to be little more than a wrestling match and, despite chants of disapproval from the crowd of 2,000 and repeated warnings by Lane, neither man could turn it into a boxing match.

Lewis was not entirely blameless, for he did not try to raise the level of boxing, as he is more than capable of doing. Instead of extricating himself from Akinwande's arm locks and beating him back with devastating combinations inside, he allowed the challenger to hold and hold.

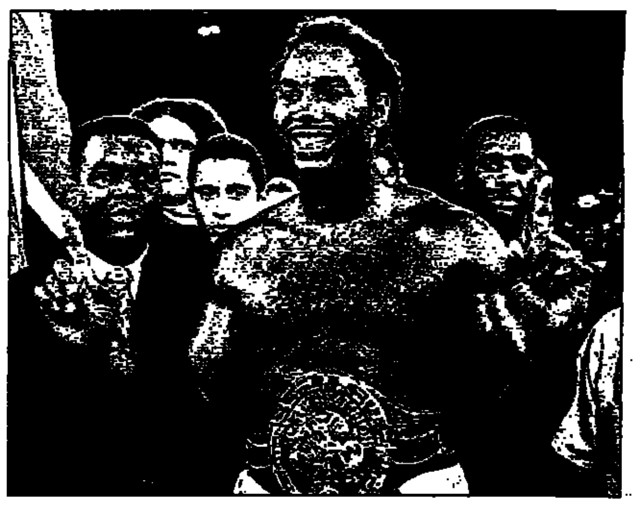
Akinwande was terrified of Lewis from the moment he received the first glancing blow in the first round and, as early as the second, he was warned by Lane to stop holding. Soon it became clear that Akinwande would not heed the referee's words and that pushing and pulling would be the order of the day.

True, Lewis landed the heavier and more hurtful blows, particularly one upper cut to the chin in the fourth round and a tremendous right to the ribs in the fifth, but generally he preferred to allow Akinwande to hold.

Lane had taken a point off Akinwande in the second round and, after warning his corner that he would be disqualifying him, 2min 34sec into the fifth round, he became completely exasperated when he found himself in the middle of the two six-footers struggling to separate them. The two men finally broke free and Lane took Akinwande back to his corner and told him that he was disqualifying him. The crowd went mad and chanted obscenities and one spectator threw a glass of beer into the ring in disgust. All the usual excuses were made after the contest, both sides blaming each other. Akinwande said: "I don't know why they're holding my purse. I tried to step backwards, but he did not take a step back. It was not wholly my fault. I was trying to stop him doing what he does best, hoping in later rounds to start pushing him back."

Akinwande's trainer, Don Turner, said: "I told him that Mills Lane had told me he was going to disqualify him if he carried on holding, but I don't know what happened."

Lewis said: "I was getting frustrated. This was to be my coming-out fight, to show my fans what I could do. He didn't give me the opportunity. I think, when he felt my energy and power, Henry decided to hold. Henry likes to box from the outside, so I brought it inside. If he wants to say he is a great boxer, then he has to learn how to box inside as well."



Lewis leaves the ring after retaining his WBC belt

Heavyweight boxing does not appear to have too bright a future until Evander Holyfield, who is now on holiday, returns to the ring. Until that time, the sport will have to live with the stigma of two disgraceful episodes within a fortnight. Holyfield is expected to come back in November for a unification bout with Michael Moorer. In the meantime, the sport will be graced by a contest between Lewis and George Foreman, who is 48, in October. Foreman said, after the Lewis v Akinwande fight, that he would definitely meet Lewis. Since Lewis also wants the bout, it is bound to happen.

Before that, it will be Andrew Golota against Ray Mercer next month. Mercer will be remembered for being involved in a case in which he was accused of telling Jesse Ferguson, his opponent, to throw the fight. Golota will be remembered for his two disqualifications against Riddick Bowe. No wonder the paying customers, who have sat through five Tyson fiascos and then five disqualifications in the past 13 months (two involving Golota, one involving Oliver McCall, then Tyson and now Akinwande) are wondering when they will get their money's worth.

RUGBY LEAGUE: MEMORABLE VICTORY SHIFTS ATTENTION FROM INTERNAL STRIFE

Broncos maintain challenge

LONDON Broncos gained a valuable morale-booster yesterday for their game against Canberra Raiders next week with a 50-8 Stones Super League victory over Sheffield Eagles — their biggest away win of the season. The Broncos, full of confidence after their impressive 38-12 win over Wigan nine days earlier, ran in eight tries as they put a poor Sheffield side to the sword. Scott Roskell, the wing who is the club's leading tryscorer, touched down twice.

The Broncos, unbeaten in the league since May 9, produced some outstanding rugby as they surged to their sixth consecutive win in the league, maintaining their quest for the runners-up spot behind the Bradford Bulls.

London established a clear ascendancy within the first seven minutes with tries by Barwick and Rosolen, punishing mistakes by the full back, Sovatavua, and wing, Garcia. They raced to a 44-0 half-time lead with a second try by Rosolen and others by Roskell, Hamilton, Matterson and Tollett. Matterson kicked five goals and Barwick three.

Senior pulled a try back for Sheffield within five minutes of the restart and Sovatavua made amends for his early lapse by also going over. Roskell, with a second try, and Barwick, with his fourth goal, were London's only second-half scorers.

Widnes, one of the game's top clubs only a few years ago, were almost certainly condemned to the second division for the first time in an illustrious history after a 30-14 home defeat by Featherstone Rovers.

Paris declare home rule

By Christopher Irvine

A DISPUTE over whether the main Australian and New Zealand players who represent Paris Saint-Germain are legally entitled to be in the country was eclipsed, briefly, on Saturday night by the most memorable victory in the club's short and turbulent history. Whatever the future holds, a 30-28 defeat of Wigan will be a lasting memory.

Paris hauled back a 28-16 deficit and pulled themselves off the bottom of the Stones Super League with two tries in the last 13 minutes, by Phil Bergman, both converted by Matt O'Connor, whose winning goal was roared over at the Charlety Stadium by the dwindling band of home supporters in a crowd of 2,560.

It was Paris's first home league win this season, a timely rejoinder to the strife and bitterness that has engulfed the Super League's continental outpost. Not even the opening night defeat last year of Sheffield Eagles, when more than 17,000 packed the place for the start of the Super League era, quite compared with beating Wigan, whose previous loss at London Broncos was bad enough.

Accusations that players are operating on tourist visas rather than work permits and that the club has failed to pay tax to the French authorities were made last week by the Dabe brothers, Laurent and Nicolas, the club's publicity and sponsorship agents, who Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, said were simply making trouble.

The Dabes have been involved with the club since its formation. Their claims come against a background of declining attendances and threats by the brothers to sue the club over money they say is owed to them.

Lindsay, a director at Paris, rejected allegations of mismanagement. "The club has been very open with all the official bodies, and the tax and national insurance contributions have been faithfully deducted in this country and sent to the British tax authorities. If there is any further regularisation required, we are confident that Philippe Dallongeville [the French Rugby League Federation treasurer] and the French office have everything in hand," he said.

The claim about visas raised the farcical prospect of the Paris players not being allowed back into the country after their second phase of world club championship matches in Australia. Unlike most other European clubs, Paris are looking forward to the resumption of the event after their defeat of Perth Reds, which has left them well placed for a quarter-final play-off spot.

As preparation for meeting Brisbane Broncos at home next Sunday, Wigan could not have fared worse. They casually built up a commanding lead after they trailed 16-8 at half-time, and just as casually threw it away.

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Rob Hughes shares the high emotion of a worthy tribute to the bravest of British cyclists

Family sustains Simpson's indomitable spirit

In the high and remote French Alps, a young Englishwoman yesterday rode the ultimate memorial to her father and to the summit of cathartic exercise. It was 30 years to the day, on July 13, 1967, that Tom Simpson, the greatest cyclist England has produced, died in the extreme heat and altitude of the Tour de France, less than one kilometre from the barren peak of Mont Ventoux, 88 miles north of Marseilles.

The story of yesterday is one that expands the essence of sport. Tom Simpson's daughter, Joanne, who was four when he died, is not a cyclist — she works as a computer design technician — but it was in the search to know more about her father, more about the genes and the nature she inherited, that she decided to assault Mont Ventoux.

She was hardly alone. There were 14 riders in this memorial event, far fewer, of course, than in the Tour de France hundreds of miles away. Two of Simpson's contemporaries, Barry Hoban and Vin Denson, men who had been riding in support of him that fateful afternoon, pedalled alongside or behind Joanne.

Indeed, Hoban, having carried to the noblest extreme the notion of supporting Simpson's family — he married Simpson's widow, Helen, gave her a third daughter and brought up the family as his own — was extending the cycle even further. He was shepherding Simpson's nephew, Thomas, 14, up the same mountain until the gearing, but definitely not the inherited Simpson stubbornness in athletic pursuit, gave way on Thomas's bike.

It was Hoban, shedding unashamed tears at the end, who put into perspective this ride by the daughter of the friend he still defends, still misses. "None of us had any idea how long this ride would take Joanne," Hoban said. In fact, the 26-kilometre climb from Sault to the summit took two hours.

Time was not of the essence, though, and family spirit certainly was. "Having helped Joanne to train for something she had never done in her life, I *knew* she would get there," Hoban said. "She *has* so much of her father's temperament and approach to life."

As Joanne passed the grey marble memorial stone, on which the French pay homage to Simpson — "*médaille Olympique, champion du monde, ambassadeur sportife, Britannique*" — she caught her breath, literally. "It was the most dreadful moment," she said when embracing her mother, Helen, immediately after the finish. "I just couldn't breathe for a moment — the emotion, I suppose, because all the rest felt absolutely fantastic. I have a heart monitor on me and I never went above 160. I'm allowed to go to 185. It's just at that moment, passing the monument, I choked up."

Emotion: it gripped every one of us on that cruel mountain where, in heat of 55C (131F), Simpson had literally pushed himself beyond life's endurance. It would be false, and unworthy, not to admit that Simpson, like virtually every rider of his generation, had attempted to mask the pain and endurance levels with drugs. He was found to have taken amphetamines and the public prosecutor at Avignon stated that, while the drugs were not of sufficient quantity to cause his death, they could have committed him to surpass his limits of strength and stamina.

Even here, even amid the intimacy of this family reunion, this tribute to their man, Hoban was unafraid yesterday to confront the issue. Barely 24 hours previously, Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, of Uzbekistan, had been disqualified from the Tour de France because of drug abuse.

"I will defend Tom to anyone, always and forever," Hoban said. "He was not a victim of the drug, he was a victim of himself, one of those very few men I have met in any walk of life who would push and push himself, because he wanted so badly to win the Tour, he wanted so badly to prove that an Englishman could do it."

None has, but an Australian voice on the top of this strange mountain, an extinct volcano that begins in fertile splendour, boasts a most wonderful carpet of lavender, but which, at the height where Simpson fell, is as bleak and lifeless as the face of the moon, paid yet another cyclist's tribute to Simpson. Ron Baensce, a rough and rugged man, who was helping to translate Simpson's ability to six-day cycle racing, said: "I've come over here because I knew Joanne was going to attempt to do this. She's really a chip off the old block. And like Barry says, in the days when Tom was about, they were *all* taking something, as if they were sweets. Anyway, one of the drugs Tom had was an old people's drug. It helped to stimulate the circulation, to move the blood quicker through the capillaries, to the legs and thighs, where it is needed. That's not taking drugs."

It is, with deadly consequence. Simpson, a man I knew, would not have consumed amphetamines to cheat others, but in despair to prevent himself from being cheated by cyclists whom he knew — and in those days the whole sport knew — were taking them.

Yet yesterday was not remembered for recriminations, more for the remarkable Simpson approach to living. As Joanne ascended Mont Ventoux, Chris Sidwells, the nephew of Simpson and himself an accomplished rider, was heard to give vocal encouragement.

"Just think about breathing . . . breathing," he said, without any irony. The woman at his side, Joanne, was never in difficulty. She rode through her early pain threshold, she found a rhythm that pleased her body and, from time to time, whenever she saw a familiar face or made a new friend with the characteristic openness that was Tom Simpson's nature, she postured. "Do you think Daddy was showing off like I am?" she remarked at 22 kilometres.

Before the start, serious for a moment, she had looked across to her mother, who was struggling through obvious emotion and remembrance. "I heard right through my childhood of what a friendly person Daddy was," Joanne said. Then, suddenly switching her vocabularly to speak of "living with Tom, eating, sleeping and learning about him for a whole year", she concluded: "My mother only started grieving for him this year, it's only been this event that has allowed her to stop closing it up."

Helen Simpson agreed to the accuracy of that account. "I am so proud of you, I really am," she had said to her daughter at the memorial. And Joanne had kept two secrets, about to be unveiled. A lone piper, Luc Vercammom, a friend of Joanne's from Belgium, stood in the MacKenzie tartan and bellowed out the theme of *Highland Cathedral*. Vercammom, a social worker, became a member of the Gent Pipe Band, formed by Malcolm MacKenzie two years ago, and his presence was requested by Joanne.

Then, unknown to anybody, she produced a small brass plate to put on the face of the memorial stone. It said: "There is no mountain too high — your daughters, Jane and Joanne, July 13, 1997."

Joanne, the younger daughter by a year, had spoken her own memorial to Tom Simpson on the face of the mountain. "You either are a Simpson, or you aren't," she had shouted.

The spirit lives and, under the fading light of yesterday evening, startled by four youths choosing to skateboard down the mountain path, somehow evading oncoming traffic, one could not disagree that the intrepid spirit and the cruel mountain are made for one and other.

Simpson at his best, a stage winner on the Tour of Sardinia

Joanne Simpson, left, is congratulated by her mother, Helen, after climbing Mont Ventoux and then, watched by Helen and her cousin, Thomas, places a plaque on her father's memorial. Photographs: Gill Allen

Boardman well prepared to continue higher education

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE
IN PAU

THE moment of truth for Chris Boardman's Tour de France challenge comes early this afternoon in the Pyrenees, when he will face the brutal climb of the Col du Soulor, the first mountain pass in the race this year.

With the fast and nervous flat stages over, Boardman, the former Olympic pursuit champion, knows that a high final placing will depend on how he copes with the hours of suffering among the spectacular peaks of the Alps and Pyrenees.

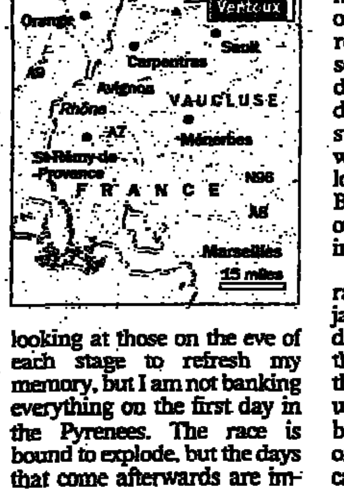
"I have done my best to get ready for the mountains," Boardman said yesterday. "I have done a lot of mountainous races and I weigh as little as I ever have done, so tomorrow things come to the crunch."

Boardman negotiated the chaotic opening stages last week, in which four of the favourites crashed out of the race, with unexpected maturity and enters the Tour's vital second week with every reason to believe he can achieve a placing in the final top ten.

"Thus far, I have looked after myself and stayed out of trouble," he said, holding up crossed fingers, "so I can't complain. Everything has gone well and I have not wasted a lot of energy. To be honest, I have been riding better than I ever have."

His consistency has drawn admiration from even the Telekom team, for whom Bjarne Riis, the defending champion, rides. "He's going really well," Udo Bolts, of Germany, Riis's principal aide in the high mountains, said. "We consider him one of the best and will be watching him closely."

Boardman, from Merseyside, trained on most of the main climbs on the Tour route this year during the spring, storing notes on the difficulty of each mountain pass. "Having seen the mountains already certainly helps," he said. "I have made a lot of notes on each climb and I will be looking at those on the eve of each stage to refresh my memory, but I am not banking everything on the first day in the Pyrenees. The race is bound to explode, but the days that come afterwards are important, too."



The flat prelude to the mountain stages last week, which climaxed in the frenetic sprint in Marennes on Friday, has left its mark on the history of the Tour for all the wrong reasons. For the image-conscious Tour organisers, the disqualification of Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, of Uzbekistan, for a positive drugs test was a serious blow, as was the loss on Friday of Yevgeny Berzin, of Russia, yet another of the favourites, after breaking his collar-bone.

Far worse than the embarrassment caused by Abdoujaparov, however, were the damning words of Tom Steels, the Belgian sprinter, who was thrown out of the race after uncharacteristically hurling a bottle at Frederic Moncassin, of France. "The tour doesn't care about the riders any more," Steels said as he left the Tour to fly home. "We are treated like animals. There is no respect shown for us."

Steels's words were echoed by Erik Zabel, of Germany, who was disqualified after winning on Friday but was a defiant and unquestioned victor in both Bordeaux and Pau over the weekend. "The race jury should have had a meeting with all the sprinters and maybe penalised them all rather than picking on one or two," Zabel said.

The fast stage to the fortified city of Pau yesterday, won in another well-timed sprint by Zabel after his Telekom team chased down a fruitless attack by Fabio Baldato, of Italy, brought a first week of high-speed crashes and feuding to a close and heralded the arrival of the Tour's decisive phase.

"I could have fallen in any of the bad crashes last week," Riis said at the start of yesterday's stage among the Sauternes vineyards, "but tomorrow is when my Tour really begins. The mountains are what I have been waiting for."

SEVENTH STAGE (Marennes to Bordeaux, 194km): 1, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom) 4hr 11min 15sec; 2, J Kirsipuu (Est, Casino); 3, J Blijlevens (Holl, TVM); 4, R McEwen (Aus, Rabobank); 5, M Strazzer (It, Roslotto); 6, F Simon (Fr, GAN); 7, H Vogels (Aus, GAN); 8, F Moncassin (Fr, GAN); 9, N Jalabert (Fr, Cofidis): 10, M Traversoni (It, Mercatone Uno); 11, G Fraser (Can, Mutuelle de Seine-et-Marne); 12, N Minali (It, Batik); 13, A Tchmil (Ukr, Lotto); 14, F Baldato (It, MG Technogym); 15, D Etxebarria (Sp, ONCE); 16, M Jamison (US, US Postal Service); 17, T Hamilton (US, US Postal Service); 18, V Djavanian (Russ, Roslotto); 19, C Vasseur (Fr, GAN); 20, C Moreau (Fr, Festina); 34, C Boardman (GB, GAN) all same time; 175, M Sciandri (GB, La Française des Jeux) at 4min 14sec.

EIGHTH STAGE (Sauternes to Pau): 1, Zabel 3hr 22min 42sec; 2, Minali; 3, Blijlevens; 4, Moncassin; 5, L Aus (Est, Casino); 6, G M Fagnini (It, Saeco); 7, Tchmil; 8, Strazzer; 9, N Jalabert; 10, A Baffi (It, US Postal Service); 11, G Lombardi (It, Telekom); 12, Simon; 13, Traversoni; 14, McEwen; 15, Vogels; 16, G Bortolami (It, Festina); 17, N Loda (It, MG Technogym); 18, T Gouvenou (Fr, Big Mat Auber); 19, P van Hyfte (Bel, Lotto); 20, R Aldag (Ger, Telekom); 25, Sciandri; 62, Boardman all same time.

LEADING OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, Vasseur 41hr 46min 41sec; 2, Zabel at 1min 21sec; 3, Boardman at 2:54; 4, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) at 2:58; 5, S O'Grady (Aus, GAN) at 2:59; 6, Moncassin at 3:04; 7, A Olano (Sp, Banesto) at 3:04; 8, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE) at 3:08; 9, O Camenzind (Switz, Mapei) at 3:22; 10, D Rebellin (It, La Française des Jeux) at 3:24; 89, Sciandri at 9:53. Points classification (green jersey): 1, Zabel 236pts; 2, Moncassin 169; 3, Blijlevens 159; 4, Minali 121; 5, McEwen 112. King of the mountains (polka dot jersey): 1, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) 47pts; 2, C Saugrain (Fr, Cofidis) 11; 3, A Kasputis (Lith, Casino) 10; 4, F Vanzella (It, La Française des Jeux) 8; 5, M Saligari (It, Casino) 6. Teams: 1, GAN 125hr 25min 43sec; 2, Telekom at 3min 38sec; 3, US Postal Service at 3:42; 4, Casino at 4:28; 5, Mapei at 5:10.

TODAY: Ninth stage: Pau to Loudenvielle (Vallée Louron) 182km.

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RUGBY UNION: UNCERTAINTY OVER COACH AND CAPTAIN THREATENS BUILD-UP TO WORLD CUP

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FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN SYDNEY

ENGLAND return home today from their ill-fated venture to Australia with respectability behind them and ambition in front. That they were beaten comfortably on Saturday at the Sydney Football Stadium was no surprise in the circumstances, but there is a striking conviction among the management and players that much of the hard work in building a World Cup side for 1999 has been accomplished.

Yet some hard decisions are still to be made. It is imperative that the Rugby Football Union determines the management structure for the next two years — and the record of Jack Rowell as coach suggests there is nobody better, in England at least, on the horizon. Rowell has said repeatedly, however, that if it comes to a choice between rugby and his business life, the latter will take priority. "I would like to finish the job," he said yesterday, but he acknowledges that if change has to be made, it must be now.

The union should not perceive Rowell's priorities as an escape clause. A full-time coach is not an imperative and the time element can still be managed. Should Rowell be confirmed next month, then he, in turn, must examine the fine-tuning of his squad and whether Phil de Glanville should remain as captain.

Saturday was not De Glanville's most memorable outing in England colours, but even if it had been he faces a considerable challenge for his position at centre from Jeremy Guscott, Will Greenwood and the man he played alongside in Sydney, Nick Greenstock. When England appeared for the post-match press conference, Rowell and De Glanville were accompanied by Lawrence Dallaglio, whose qualifications for the captaincy are as valid as those of Martin Johnson, the British Isles leader, whose motivational qualities are admired by Rowell.

De Glanville's year in office has bought Rowell breathing time, an interregnum after the departure of Will Carling. It has been distinguished by the Bath centre's good humour and intelligence, by a triple crown and by the amicable spirit that pervades the England camp. Nevertheless, at the highest level, De Glanville will always be short of pace. In this match, his faltering defence was directly responsible for the first two tries.

The first of these, scored by Burke after Roff plunged into the line from the blind-side wing, was not so significant as the second, because while England hung on at 8-3, then 8-6 down, they could always give themselves a chance of victory. When Tune pushed off De Glanville for the second try, the defence finally broke down and it was no surprise that two more Australia tries followed.

Not that Australia had so much cause for rejoicing themselves. That they bounced back from defeat in New Zealand to take the inaugural Cook Trophy was all very well, but their failure to benefit from overwhelming territorial domination for the first hour is not an encouraging sign for their meeting with New Zealand in front of 100,000 spectators at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on July 26.

Greg Smith, their coach, knows it and his reaction in private will be substantially different to his philosophical public face. Smith acknowledged England's difficulties with physical fatigue: "I hope people will be sympathetic towards us when we play England at Twickenham later in the year," he said, knowing that he and his squad must cross time-zones from Argentina for the return match on November 15.

"I have always been an advocate of 'fly-in, fly-out' matches, but that [still] requires time to get your feet under the table," Rowell said of a match in which his squad came together with time for only two meaningful run-outs. "When England play, we should be able to put our best foot forward and do justice to the ability we have got. We have played a 15-man game at home, we have aspirations to do it in the big league . . . and I'm confident that England will make a big strike at the World Cup."

As it was, Rowell's players could offer character, a competitive set-piece and little more. As the Lions found in South Africa, it is seldom easy to recover possession in the southern hemisphere and even harder when referees play ducks and drakes with ruck-and-maul ball. Australia built from a stream of scrums, but stern defence in the first half limited them to Burke's try and a penalty by Eales, on a night when place-kicking (one from five) was not his forte.

In response, Stimpson kicked the only goal he was offered and England lost Dawson with a bruised shoulder at the interval. Five minutes into the second half, they paid their first visit to Australia's 22 and Healey, the replacement scrum half, might have been aggrieved not to win a penalty when he broke, chipped ahead and Burke made a half-hearted attempt to block him.

Catt's dropped goal induced a frenzy of hope, which was killed when Australia sustained an admirable build-up and Tune finished with finesse. Within two minutes, Burke had slipped a pass to Tune on the right and the wing danced past the cover before feeding Gregan inside for the third try.

At that stage, a difficult final quarter loomed for England and it is to their credit that their tired legs permitted only one more score. Australia taking a tapped penalty and Roff sending Horan to the line.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Burke, Tune, Gregan, Horan. Conversion: Burke. Penalty goal: Eales. England: Penalty goal: Stimpson. Dropped goal: Catt.

AUSTRALIA: M Burke (New South Wales), B Tune (Queensland), J S Little (Queensland), J Holbeck (Australian Capital Territory), J W Roff (ACT), T J Horan (Queensland), G M Gregan (ACT), C Blades (NSW), M A Foley (Queensland), E J A McKenzie (ACT), D T Manu (NSW), G Morgan (Queensland), J A Eales (Queensland, captain), B J Robinson (ACT), T Coker (ACT). McKenzie replaced by A Blades (NSW, 66min); Coker temporarily replaced by D J Wilson (Queensland, 38-56)

ENGLAND: T R G Stimpson (Newcastle); J Bentley (Newcastle), P R de Glanville (Bath, captain), N J J Greenstock (Wasps), N D Beal (Northampton), M J Catt (Bath), M J S Dawson (Northampton), G C Rowntree (Leicester), M P Regan (Bristol), D J Garforth (Leicester), L B N Dallaglio (Wasps), N C Redman (Bath), S D Shaw (Wasps), R A Hill (Saracens), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army). Dawson replaced by A S Healey (Leicester, 40min), Hill replaced by B B Clarke (Richmond, 69)

Referee: P D O'Brien (New Zealand)

MARK BAKER

Redman, right, faces the pace and power of Morgan as Australia launch one of many sustained attacks on the England line on Saturday

Proctor spares Welsh blushes

WALES began the second international against the United States on Saturday demanding, and expecting, a more impressive performance and conclusive victory than they earned in the first game a week earlier. In the event, they left San Francisco relieved to have won — by 28-23 — at all.

Indeed, but for three tries from Wayne Proctor — his first hat-trick in an international — they would surely have lost, a ignominy prevented only by some desperate defending as the Americans piled on the pressure at the end. Proctor, the Llanelli wing, struck twice in the first half, helping Wales to a 13-6 lead at the break, but saved his best try for the second period, when he beat his opposite number, Brian Hightower, and Chris Morrow, the full back, in a 30-metre touchline run.

Jason Walker, the United States No 8, pulled back the deficit when he burrowed over from a scrum and Matt Alexander's conversion tied the scores, before Proctor and Arwel Thomas, with a conversion, reclaimed the lead. It did not last long — Vaea Anitoni, the wing, touched down and Alexander converted again — and it was left to Thomas, after a lucky bounce, to score what proved to be the winning try.

SCORERS: United States: Tries: Anitoni, Walker. Conversions: Alexander (2). Penalty goals: Alexander (3). Wales: Tries: Proctor (3), A Thomas. Conversion: A Thomas. Penalty goals: A Thomas (2)

UNITED STATES: C Morrow, V Anitoni, T Takau, M Scharrenberg, B Hightower, M Alexander, A Bachelet, C Lippert, T Billups, R Lehner, D Lyle (captain), L Gross, D Hodges, J Walker, J Wilkerson

WALES: K Morgan, W Proctor, L Davies, G Thomas, N Walker, A Thomas, P John, I Buckett, R McBryde, L Mustoe, A Gibbs, G Llewellyn, M Voyle, N Thomas, G Jones (captain)

Union must put unity at top of the agenda

DAVID HANDS

Rugby Union Commentary

It is time for magnanimity. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) has wasted 18 months, money and energy in a power struggle that has seen the union's credit dissolve at home and abroad only to find itself at precisely the point it occupied in January 1996, when Cliff Brittle was elected chairman of the executive committee.

Last Friday night, Brittle, by 599 votes to 357 — an aggregate that is less than half the clubs in membership — was elected chairman of the new board of management at the RFU annual meeting. That verdict must now be accepted with both sides realising that, whatever mistakes may have been made since the advent of professionalism, the only way forward can be through co-operation.

However, the greatest responsibility now lies with Brittle. He has the mandate that he wanted, but he is well aware that there is a balance to be struck between those who are paid to work for the game and those who volunteer their services. Among the latter, many of them with substantial expertise and experience to offer, are individuals who have opposed him, sometimes bitterly, in the belief that he is a disruptive influence.

In much of the verbal skirmishing that has taken place between the two factions on the RFU have been implicit threats that Twickenham is some Augean stable that must be cleansed. Since a judicial inquiry, by Judge Gerald Butler, is being pursued into just that suggestion, talk of blood-letting is not only emotive but premature. The judge's verdict — expected towards the end of September — could conceivably impugn not only last Friday's losing camp but also the winners.

Besides, witch-hunts can rebound upon the heads of those who pursue them. The facts are that most, if not all, of the senior unpaid positions within the RFU committee structure have been democratically filled already and that the senior paid position — that of chief executive — is under review. Tony Hallett, secretary of the union since 1995 and now acting chief executive, will be informed in October by a review panel whether his work is up to scratch.

Hallett's besetting sin, according to his opponents, was his negotiation of the BSkyB television deal that not only limited the number of television viewers, but created a rift within the five nations. As matters stand, ITV has come in as a terrestrial partner and rugby union has a mixed economy of coverage from which it should benefit: England remain within the five nations' championship and have a responsibility to sustain it as effectively as they can, while retaining the freedom to make fixtures with the southern hemisphere.

This is no time for place men. Brittle must show that he can manage the work of the union by utilising the best talents available, and not all the volunteers will be those he favours. It would be no surprise to find Fran Cotton, lately manager of the British Isles, appearing on one of the policy-making committees, but, at the other end of the political spectrum, Bob Rogers, for example, Brittle's beaten opponent for the post of chairman, is an organiser of considerable ability.

There is also change afoot within the union's paid ranks, which need to be remotivated. Terry Burwell, rugby director at Newbury for the past six years, will become the first director of Twickenham Services in September, with responsibility for working with clubs on competitive structures, player registration and the like. Richard Prescott, late of Whitbread, the brewing company, will become the new director of communications: these are significant responsibilities that need firmer leadership than Twickenham has had over the past year because so many attentions have been diverted by the political struggle.

Indeed, the only credit that England can glean from recent events has been on the playing field and that reflects as much on the management style of Jack Rowell and his coaching colleagues, Mike Slemen and Les Cusworth, the country's leading players and their clubs as it does upon the RFU. Though embroiled in the political dispute, the top clubs have made distinct advances in fitness and playing style from which England and the British Isles have benefited.

They now have, in the English Rugby Partnership, a management body agreed with the RFU that must be given the chance to work. The England management will be reviewed by the national playing committee, under the chairmanship of Bill Beaumont, but, in a period of change, Rowell's record speaks for him: Cusworth is about to accept a paid position with Worcester that need not necessarily affect his preparation of England's backs, but what England need in the run-up to the 1999 World Cup is stability.

That is what Brittle, in concert with Peter Brook, as the union's president, has the chance to provide. English rugby is sick to death of politics. What it now wants is statesmanship and that is a very different ball game.

SPEEDWAY

Team spirit drives Swindon

BY TONY HOARE

SWINDON'S victory at Coventry on Saturday put the Robins firmly back in the Elite League championship race as the main contenders approached the halfway mark. Two points from the encounter at Brandon left the Wiltshire club off the top spot by just one heat point and a home win in the return fixture last night would have sent them three points clear of Eastbourne at the top of the table. The title has not headed to Blunsdon since 1967, when Barry Briggs, the multiple world champion, spearheaded their side.

After a poor start in the Speedway Star Cup, Swindon found themselves on the receiving end of a boycott from a number of supporters, who claimed that the team was not good enough to compete in the Elite League. However, under the control of Peter Toogood, who is in his second year as sole promoter, the riders have silenced their critics.

While the Swindon No 1, Leigh Adams, an Australian, who competes in the world championship grand prix, is second in the Elite League rankings at present, with an average of more than ten points per meeting, it is team spirit that has fuelled Swindon's success. All the riders live in the town and, with Nick Bell, an experienced manager, looking after tactics, they has risen to the occasion.

The team captain is Jimmy Nilsen, 30, the reigning Swedish champion, who spent seven seasons at the top of the sport before falling into a three-year slump. After enjoying a superb 1996 campaign, Nilsen feels the spirit at Swindon is the best he has experienced at any club. "Everyone is shouting for the same thing: it doesn't matter who is scoring as an individual, we want to win as a team," he said.

1ST LEG.

ITF starts July 28th.

FOOTBALL

Ferguson hopes to buy Silva

ALEX FERGUSON, the Manchester United manager, could end his search for a new central defender this week by signing Celio Silva, of Brazil. Ferguson has admitted that he is keen to make one more significant signing before the start of the season.

Ferguson has "one bullet left in the transfer gun", according to Martin Edwards, the chairman, while the manager himself has been quoted as saying: "We have asked about Silva and we are hoping to get him over to England in the next few days to have a chat." Miguel Angel Nadal, the Barcelona defender, is thought to be the other name on Ferguson's list.

David Ginola was last night meeting Alan Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, to discuss a move to White Hart Lane from Newcastle United. The 26-year-old is believed to be available for £2.6 million and Olivier Godalier, Ginola's agent, said he expected that the meeting would produce "a happy outcome".

Paul McGrath has signed for West Ham United on a free transfer from Derby County, while Marco Pascolo, the Switzerland goalkeeper, is poised to join Nottingham Forest for £1 million.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter festival
11.0, 50 overs
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v President's XI

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Benwell Hill: Durham v Yorkshire. Llanarth: Glamorgan v Worcestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Southill Park: Bedfordshire v Lincolnshire. Radlett: Hertfordshire v Norfolk. Tynemouth: Northumberland v Cambridgeshire. Oswestry: Shropshire v Wales. Marlborough CC: Wiltshire v Cornwall.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Open Championship final qualifying (Kilmarnock Barassie, Glasgow Gailes, Western Gailes, Irvine Bogside)
RACING: Ayr (2.15), Folkestone (2.0), Windsor (6.30), Wolverhampton (6.45)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Wolverhampton v Bradford (7.30). Premier League: Exeter v Newport (7.30), Reading v Stoke (7.30)

TOMORROW

CRICKET

BOYES STORES CHALLENGE (one day): Scarborough: Yorkshire v Holland

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Ontario v Wales XV (in Hamilton, midnight Wed)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Beverley (2.0), Brighton (2.15)
SPEEDWAY: Speedway Star Cup: Semi-final: Bradford v Eastbourne (7.30). Premier League: Hull v Long Eaton (7.30). Amateur League: St Austell v Ipswich and King's Lynn (7.30)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Manchester)

WEDNESDAY

CRICKET

TOUR MATCHES (three days): Cardiff: Glamorgan v Australians. Worcester: Worcestershire v Pakistan A.
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (four days): Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire. Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire. Guildford: Surrey v Hampshire. Scarborough: Yorkshire v Durham

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Brighton (6.20), Catterick (2.15), Doncaster (6.30), Sandown Park (2.05), Worcester (6.10), Yarmouth (1.50)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: King's Lynn v Wolverhampton (7.45), Poole v Eastbourne (7.30). Premier League: Long Eaton v Hull (7.45)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Manchester)

THURSDAY

GOLF: Open Championship (at Royal Troon)
RACING: Bath (2.0), Leicester (2.15)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Ipswich v Poole (7.30). Premier League: Sheffield v Berwick (7.45).
SWIMMING: National championships (at Crystal Palace)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Manchester)

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

SUPER LEAGUE VISA WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A: Penrith Panthers v Warrington Wolves (10.30am). Pool B: Leeds Rhinos v Adelaide Rams (7.30). Oldham Bears v North Queensland Cowboys (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Open Championship (at Royal Troon)
RACING: Musselburgh (2.40), Newbury (2.30), Newmarket (6.30), Pontefract (6.45), Salisbury (6.20), Southwell (2.20)
ROWING: National championships (in Nottingham)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Belle Vue v Peterborough (7.30). Premier League: Arena Essex v Long Eaton (8.0), Edinburgh v Exeter (7.30), Glasgow v Newport (7.30), Oxford v Reading (7.15), Oxford v Stoke (8.45). Amateur League: Belle Vue v Buxton (9.0)
SWIMMING: National championships (at Crystal Palace)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Manchester).

SATURDAY

CRICKET

TOUR MATCHES (three days): Lord's: Middlesex v Australians. Taunton: Somerset v Pakistan A.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SUPER LEAGUE VISA WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool B: Perth Reds v Sheffield Eagles (12.30)

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Canada v Wales (in Toronto, 8.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Grampian Television International Pairs (in Aberdeen)
BOXING: World Boxing Organisation and International Boxing Federation featherweight championships: N Hamed (Sheffield, holder) v P Maunn (Arg). British super-middleweight championship: D Starie (Ipswich, holder) v D Francis (Basingstoke). British welterweight championship: K Lueshing (Beckenham, holder) v G McCreesh (Bracknell) (all at Wembley Arena).
GOLF: Open Championship (at Royal Troon).
RACING: Ayr (6.55), Newbury (1.30), Newmarket (2.10), Nottingham (2.20), Redcar (6.45), Ripon (2.35), Warwick (6.35)
ROWING: National championships (in Nottingham)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Bradford v Peterborough (7.30), Coventry v Belle Vue (7.30); Eastbourne v Wolverhampton (7.30), Swindon v Ipswich (7.30). Premier League: Berwick v Exeter (6.30); Stoke v Newport (7.30). Amateur League: Berwick v Exeter and Newport (8.0).
SWIMMING: National championships (at Crystal Palace)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Manchester)

SUNDAY

CRICKET

AXA LIFE LEAGUE (40 overs): Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire. Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire. Guildford: Surrey v Hampshire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan. Scarborough: Yorkshire v Durham
MCC TROPHY (one day): Semi-finals: St George's, Telford: Shropshire v Devon. Dean Park, Bournemouth: Dorset v Norfolk.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SUPER LEAGUE VISA WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A: Auckland Warriors v Bradford Bulls (3.30am), Halifax Blue Sox v Canterbury Bulldogs (3.0); Wigan Warriors v Brisbane Broncos (6.35). Pool B: Hunter Mariners v Castleford Tigers (5.30am)
FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers v Keighley Cougars (6.0); Huddersfield Giants v Widnes Vikings (3.30), Hull Sharks v Workington Town (3.15), Wakefield Trinity v Swinton Lions (3.30), Whitehaven Warriors v Dewsbury Rams (3.30). Second division: Batley Bulldogs v Rochdale Hornets (3.15), Bramley v Barrow Braves (3.0). Carlisle Border Raiders v Prescot Panthers (3.0); Hunslet Hawks v York Wasps (3.30); Leigh Centurions v Lancashire Lynx (3.0)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Open Championship (at Royal Troon)
MOTORCYCLING: British superbike championship (at Oulton Park)
ROWING: National championships (in Nottingham)
SWIMMING: National championships (at Crystal Palace)

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CRICKET: YOUNGER HOLLIOAKE TAKES CENTRE STAGE DURING ONE-SIDED BENSON AND HEDGES CUP FINAL

National treasure in need of polishing

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

LORD'S (Kent won toss): Surrey beat Kent by eight wickets

THE insouciant talent of Ben Hollioake illuminated a one-day showpiece at Lord's for the second time this summer on Saturday. Given the abysmally one-sided nature of the Benson and Hedges Cup final, it was just as well.

Everyone, from agents upwards, will now want their share of this precocious teenager and Hollioake's match-winning 98 for Surrey against a woefully under-par Kent gave a timely focus to continuing arguments over the direction that his career should take. Popular demands will inevitably grow for his inclusion by England and Hollioake, who joins the national squad for a bonding session in Yorkshire next week, may yet make his Test debut before his twentieth birthday in November. His next international honour, however, will come, controversially, at a far lower level.

Marsh: game-plan

Tomorrow, the England Under-19 squad will be announced for four-day and limited-overs games against Zimbabwe next month and I understand that Hollioake will be included — despite the claims of Surrey, and many voices raised in support, that he would be better employed playing county cricket than in an age-group he has clearly outgrown.

In one sense, this is an extension of the eternal conflict between club and country, common to so many sports. In another, it is distinctly different, for the subject here is very young and exceptionally gifted — at his age, the most exciting English cricketer in many years.

Hollioake batted on Saturday as only the innocent can, utterly without fear or inhibition. It might have been a different game, a better contest, if he had been either caught or run-out in a heart-stopping moment during the fifth over, which could have left Surrey 22 for two, but thereafter he was serene. Pinch-hitter or not, this was no merry slog, either.

He will regret the shot that dismissed him — indeed, he regretted it so much that he walked off to a standing ovation with his head hung low and his helmet still on — but, having instantly asserted control with a flurry of fours, he had responded to the mature guidance of Alec Stewart and played with judgment and sense.

His defence is transparently flawed, his bat too often coming down crooked and late, which would be exposed as such in Test cricket, but minor adjustments can cure this shortcoming. When attacking, he stands erect, hitting the ball with a full flow of the arms, the full face of the bat and exquisite timing.

Anyone inclined to suspect Hollioake's dashing England debut in the one-day international against Australia on this ground might prove to be a freak has been silenced. "I think I'll come here again," he said afterwards in the mild, unaffected manner that, as his fame grows, he must seek to retain.

It should be stressed here that Hollioake had previously achieved little for Surrey this season and, up to now, the England selectors have been unarguably right in resisting the cries for his Test inclusion. This may soon change. Certainly, he will go on tour to West Indies this winter and he may be an England all-rounder for years to come. At this impressionable stage, it is crucial that his development is handled correctly.

My understanding is that his selection for the under-19s is an adherence to a commitment to pick the best, but that, through the wise advice of the England selectors, discretion will be applied. He is likely to play in the initial one-day games against Zimbabwe, which do not clash with Surrey's county championship fixtures, but may well be released from some later matches. That is the strong proposal of one England selector, Mike Gatting, and has the agreement of the chairman, David Graveney, who is at present on holiday in Spain.

Graveney watched the final on Saturday on television and, while stimulated by Hollioake's potential, will doubtless have gleaned reassurance from the batting of Stewart. This has been a sensitive time for Stewart, the worries over his wife's illness overriding all else, but it cannot be denied that his wicketkeeping was scruffy in the Old Trafford Test and no better on Saturday. Apart from some basic errors of alertness, he dropped a regulation catch, two-handed to his left.

For Kent, this was a bonus, for little else had gone their way. Steve Marsh was faithful to a game-plan when he chose to bat first, but the morning was clammy, the dew thick on the ground and the ball swung appreciably. Soon, with the assistance of two dubious leg-before decisions, Surrey had reduced them to 23 for three.

Without an Aravinda de Silva, whose brilliance took them so close against Lancashire two years ago, it was hard to divine a way back from there. The middle-order worthies, Llong and Ealham, ensured respectability, but already there was the impression that Kent were sinking to a sixth consecutive defeat in Lord's knockout finals.

There was some decent Surrey bowling, notably from Ian Salisbury and Chris Lewis, though, as usual, the latter overplayed his posturing, but it was clear that the pitch held no evils. Despite Marsh's supervision of the late overs, the total was inadequate. "We needed a minimum of 250," he said, "but to make it worse, we then didn't bowl enough balls in the right area."

They did not. McCague charged in, full of adrenalin and intent, and his fourth ball was carved by Ali Brown with ferocious force. Fleming, at point, took a reflex catch and, suddenly, Surrey's ability to self-destruct was the abiding theme.

Hollioake struck three disdainful fours before his leading edge spiralled agonisingly short of Ealham at mid-on. The ball ran loose to an infuriated McCague, who very nearly ran out the wandering batsman with his savage throw. It was the defining moment of a deeply disappointing match.

Interest, thereafter, was divided between admiration of Hollioake's fluency and irritation at the constant malfunctioning of the main scoreboard, something that happens far too often for the good of MCC's reputation.

Hollioake fell two runs short of only the fifth century in a Benson and Hedges final, but, by then, the target was down to 53. Four years ago in this competition, Surrey managed to decline from 212 for one to 230 all out and lost to Lancashire by six runs. Stewart, now at his lordly best, and Thorpe combined to insure against a gruesome repetition.

After taking the Sunday league last September, this effectively means Surrey have won two successive one-day titles. It is also, however, almost certainly the end of their involvement in this year's honours and cannot camouflage the deeper, enduring problems at the Oval.

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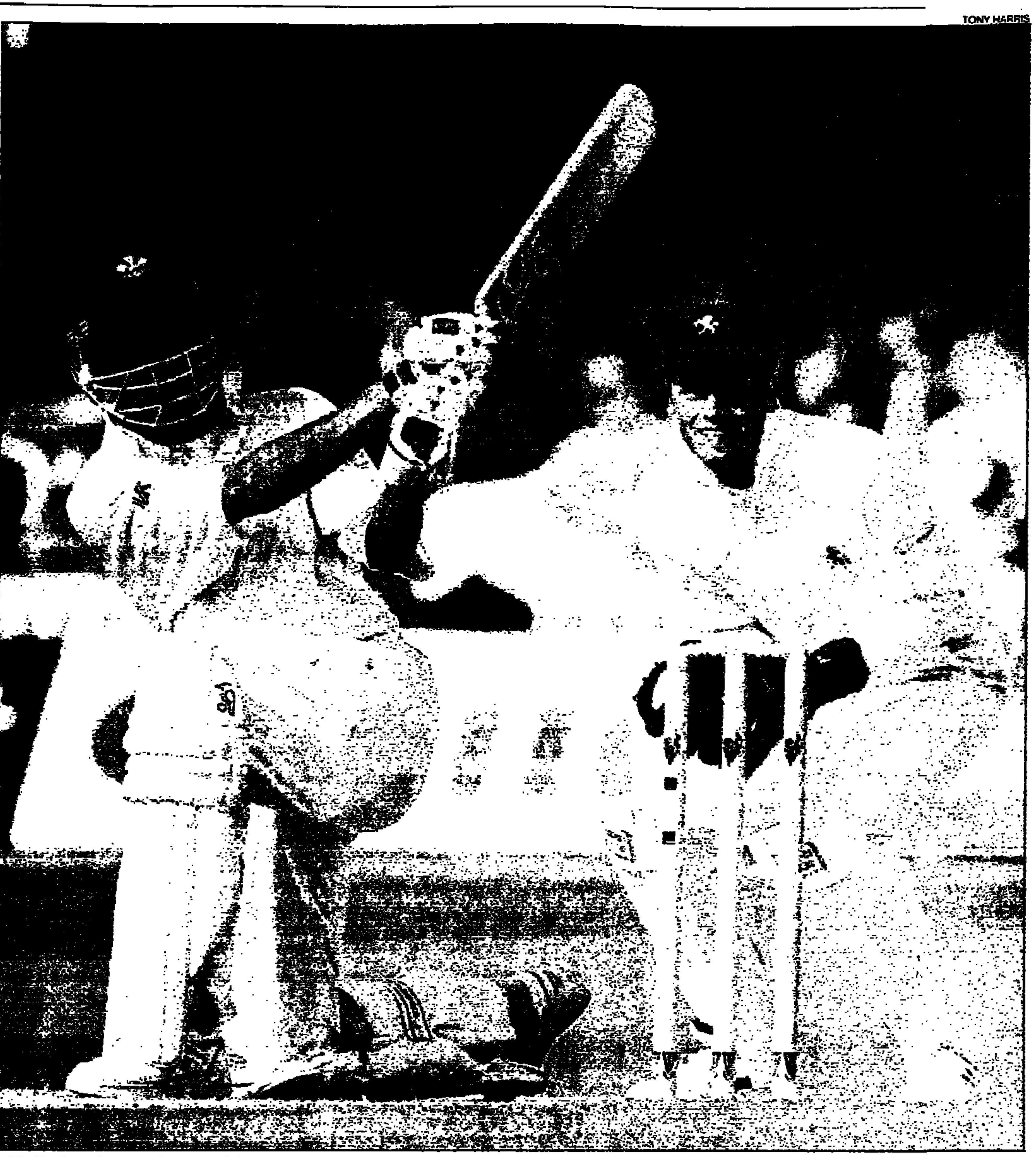
TONY HARRIS



Hollioake, who won the man-of-the-match award, exerts his authority over the Kent bowlers with another free-flowing stroke through the on side

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

Kent won toss

KENT

M V Fleming lbw b Lewis (14min, 7 balls, 1 four)	7
M J Walker b Bicknell (12min, 12 balls, 1 four)	6
T R Ward lbw b A J Hollioake (65min, 40 balls, 2 fours)	15
A P Wells lbw b Bicknell (14min, 15 balls, 1 four)	5
N J Llong c Butcher b Saqlain (88min, 65 balls, 5 fours)	42
M A Ealham c Brown b Lewis (109min, 88 balls, 4 fours)	52
G R Cowdrey b Lewis (26min, 20 balls, 1 four)	8
P A Strang b Salisbury (24min, 25 balls, 2 fours)	23
*†S A Marsh not out (32min, 23 balls, 2 fours)	24
M J McCague c Thorpe b Saqlain (4min, 3 balls)	0
D W Headley not out (9min, 3 balls)	3
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 17, nb 2)	27
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs, 204min)	212

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15 (Fleming 7), 2-15 (Ward 0), 3-23 (Ward 0), 4-68 (Llong 18), 5-106 (Ealham 13), 6-135 (Ealham 28), 7-170 (Ealham 40), 8-194 (Marsh 10), 9-198 (Marsh 14)

BOWLING: Bicknell 8-0-33-2 (nb 1, w 6; 4 fours, one spell), Lewis 10-3-39-3 (w 2, 5 fours: 6-3-12-1, 2-0-9-1, 2-0-18-1). A J Hollioake 7-0-31-1 (w 2, 3 fours: 4-0-13-1, 3-0-18-0). B C Hollioake 6-0-28-0 (w 2; 3 fours: one spell). Saqlain Mushtaq 9-1-33-2 (w 1, 2 fours: 6-1-19-1, 2-0-11-0, 1-0-3-1); Salisbury 10-0-40-1 (w 1, 2 fours, one spell)

Score after 15 overs: 56 for 3.

SURREY

A D Brown c Fleming b McCague (2min, 4 balls)	2
†A J Stewart not out (179min, 125 balls, 7 fours)	75
B C Hollioake c Strang b Ealham (126min, 112 balls, 15 fours)	98
G P Thorpe not out (49min, 32 balls)	17
Extras (lb 11, w 6, nb 6)	23
Total (2 wkts, 45 overs, 179min)	215

*A J Hollioake, M A Butcher, C C Lewis, J D Ratcliffe, M P Bicknell, I D K Salisbury and Saqlain Mushtaq did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2 (Stewart 0), 2-161 (Stewart 45)

BOWLING: McCague 8-0-45-1 (w 1; 7 fours, 3-0-19-1, 2-0-10-0, 3-0-16-0). Headley 10-0-53-0 (nb 3; 6 fours: 4-0-21-0, 2-0-7-0, 2-0-13-0, 2-0-12-0); Fleming 7-1-29-0 (w 1, 4 fours: 6-1-22-0, 1-0-7-0); Ealham 6-0-31-1 (w 3; 4 fours: 3-0-20-0, 3-0-11-1); Strang 10-1-31-0 (w 1, 6-1-19-0, 4-0-12-0). Llong 4-0-15-0 (1 four, one spell).

Score after 15 overs: 80 for 1

Surrey won by eight wickets

Match award: B C Hollioake (Adjudicator M A Atherton)

Umpires: G Sharp and D R Shepherd
Third umpire: J W Holder

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JOHN PARKIN

Lewis's behaviour was described as "obnoxious" by one spectator

Kent take fright as Surrey pick fight

Michael Henderson finds little to impress during a disappointing cup final at Lord's on Saturday

After an immensely disappointing Benson and Hedges Cup final, all the more disappointing for the clamorous fanfare that preceded it, some questions arise. 1) Are Kent the great "bottlers"? 2) Why are Surrey so unpopular? 3) How good is Hollioake minor? 4) Is Chris Lewis sound of mind?

The answers are: yes; because they behave like spoilt brats; good, but not quite the reincarnation of Victor Trumper; send for a doctor.

First, Kent. When Steve Marsh, their captain, was asked after the match whether they had bottled it, he said: "People may say we did, but we just did not compete." In a word, yes. Winning cup finals is all about "competing" on the big stage and, for the second time in three years, Kent took fright.

In the Benson and Hedges Cup final two years ago, they won the toss against Lancashire, decided they would rather not face Wasim Akram on a sultry morning and were unable to support Aravinda de Silva when it was their turn to bat. This time, they won the toss and were stuffed up before lunch. They have very good players, but they do not know, yet, how to handle the big occasion.

Their performance was a shame, not least because few people beyond Kennington wanted Surrey to prevail. It is fair to say that, among players and umpires, Surrey are not just not liked, they are disliked. The general perception, fairly or unfairly, is of a gang of noisy, self-regarding children.

Not all of them should be damned so — Alec Stewart is admired as a pro's pro and has a record that demands respect — but too many are seen as "actors", moreover ones who do not always remember their lines.

It is not without significance that Stewart gave up the club captaincy at the end of last year. Perhaps, in part, he had had enough of trying to keep in order a team that made enemies on the field by saying too much and achieving too little.

Something is out of kilter at the Oval. Half of the side is represented by Gareth James, one of the new breed of agents, who turned up on the dressing-room balcony last year, when Surrey won the Sunday league, to join in the celebrations! Since when did agents contribute to anything that happens on the field of play? What was a mere agent doing in the dressing-room in the first place?

Brian Clough had a straightforward message to these people when he discussed matters with his players at Nottingham Forest. The manager's message went something like: "The door is over there and you can get the other side of it." The time may have come for cricket clubs to follow his example, for James has made no secret of his ambitions, which, on this evidence, clearly do not include the grooming of his clients.

The behaviour of the Surrey players on the balcony at Lord's bore the mark of young men who have been indulged too often. Lewis and Mark Butcher came on swigging champagne, the surest sign of the true vulgarian, and Butcher was shouting at friends below when the umpires went up to collect their own medals. It was not a pretty spectacle.

As for Lewis, what is there new to say? He was at his worst on Saturday, strutting back to his mark like a gangster in a Chicago alley, following through unnecessarily to within a cock-stride of the batsman, over-reacting absurdly when he took a wicket and turning up later with his trademark idiocy, the cap worn back to front.

His conduct after taking Fleming's wicket was so excessive that, had there been a match referee, as they have in the Tests, he might well have requested a psychiatric report. At the end of that over, Lewis punched the air like a man in a frenzy. An MCC member, who was once the chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, spoke for many when he said: "I have never seen anything so obnoxious in my life."

Lewis's problem is that he is not actually . . . ah, does it really matter? Does anybody care? He has had enough chances to establish himself as a front-rank player and has not come close.

To fulfil his obvious potential, Ben Hollioake would do well to heed the lessons of this sad story. There are some rough edges to refine, but one thing is clear: the lad can play.

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CRICKET

Derbyshire grateful for staying power

By Richard Hobson

DERBY (Yorkshire won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 114 runs

FOR a player seemingly determined to leave Derbyshire, Chris Adams is not exactly presenting a case for his own dispensability. His century here yesterday was the second in five days, after his 101 against Northamptonshire in the NatWest Trophy, and means he has now reached three figures in each of the four competitions this season.

Adams batted through the Derbyshire innings of 259 for two and had 109 from 110 balls to his credit at the end of the 40 overs. He began with a five, a sharp single embellished by overthrows, but afterwards breached the boundary just four times. As the figures suggest, he rarely struggled to steer a way past the infield.

TABLE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Warwicks (4)	10	7	3	0	0	28	17.47
Essex (17)	9	7	2	0	0	28	10.48
Kent (10)	9	7	2	0	0	28	5.49
Lancs (9)	10	6	2	1	1	28	3.01
Somerset (5)	11	6	4	0	1	26	3.03
Gloucs (16)	10	5	3	0	2	24	9.77
Glamorgan (13)	10	5	4	0	1	22	5.72
Yorkshire (3)	11	5	5	1	0	22	0.59
Worcs (8)	9	5	4	0	0	20	8.84
Northants (6)	9	4	3	0	2	20	2.47
Surrey (1)	10	4	4	0	2	20	-6.36
Notts (2)	10	4	5	0	1	18	-1.78
Leics (12)	9	4	4	1	0	18	-4.70
Hampshire (15)	11	3	7	0	1	14	-4.47
Derbyshire (11)	10	2	6	0	2	12	-10.61
Middlesex (7)	10	2	7	1	0	10	-11.97
Sussex (14)	11	2	8	0	1	10	-18.32
Durham (18)	9	2	7	0	0	8	-7.64

(1996 positions in brackets)

Darren Gough conceded two wides in the first over after Yorkshire had opted to field. It set the tone for the afternoon as the visitors played as incapably in this Axa Life league contest as they had performed commandingly in the 128-run win against Leicestershire in the NatWest Trophy last week.

Derbyshire constructed their highest score against Yorkshire in the 28 years of the competition and secured just their second win of the season by dismissing them for 145. Any question that they might approach the target of 260 was dispelled as they slipped to 39 for four in the ninth over. If their fielding had been listless, then it was accentuated by the eagerness with which Derbyshire approached the task.

Doubtless Yorkshire would have exchanged their success on Saturday in the Northern Electric Trophy at Scarborough, where they beat Durham by five wickets, for the four points that would have taken them within two points of the leaders. They are effectively out of contention now, having played two games more than both Essex and Kent.

Only Hartley and Stemp had any success in checking the scoring rate after Adams and Rollins had taken Derbyshire beyond 50 in just the seventh over. There was little pace in the pitch and Rollins achieved some success punching away on the front foot before he pulled Hartley to Byas at short mid-wicket.

The opening stand realised 91 in 17 overs and Khan fell three overs later when he drove Stemp to White at cover. That, however, proved their last success as Adams put on 158 in 20 overs with Vince Clarke, an all-rounder with his third county who has proved a useful player for Derbyshire through their troubled summer.

Twice, he dispatched the distinctly slow left-arm spin of Lehmann over long-on for sixes and a textbook drive through mid-off when Gough over-pitched raised his first half-century in the competition. He finished unbeaten on 77 from 68 balls. Gough, in contrast, looked thoroughly dejected as he left the field *having conceded 65 runs from* his eight overs.

Yorkshire have managed to conquer higher peaks than this. Only seven days earlier, they had scored 298 to tie with Leicestershire. Almost half of those runs were made by Craig White; this time, he was caught behind in the third over and his dismissal proved merely the beginning of a tortuous decline.

DeFreitas added the wickets of Blakey and Parker in his fifth over while Byas drove Dean to cover. By the time a shower interrupted play, Lehmann and McGrath had taken the score to 83 with the onus on one of them to emulate Adams and see the innings through.

Lehmann, though, fell immediately after the restart and McGrath drove to cover, where Barnett leapt high to hold a fine catch one-handed. Harris finished off the innings to claim personal figures of four for 22 from 4.2 overs.

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A rare moment of solid defence in an otherwise belligerent innings by Slater. Photograph: Clive Mason / Allsport

Sheridan raises Scottish spirits

By Alastair Storie

EDINBURGH (Grange CC: Scotland won toss): Match abandoned

THE Australians' second festival match of the week was abandoned without a result on Saturday after a heavy thunderstorm at 5pm flooded the square. With Scotland subdued on 95 for six, against opponents they will meet in the 1999 World Cup, the decision was purely academic as the Australian bowlers, running in with commitment, had, by that stage, sent out a most succinct message.

Michael Slater captured the carnival atmosphere with 12 fours and two sixes in his 95. His driving power forced the bowlers to cut their length, whereupon he hooked and pulled maliciously.

That the Australians made only 278 was attributable to a period of spirited Scottish bowling and catching that claimed six wickets for 26 runs. Langer, having just hit Beven, the off spinner, for six over long-on, surprisingly checked a drive off the same bowler to the diving Salmond at extra cover. Beven, a 38-year-old former Tasmania player, who qualifies through residency, maintained the consistency that made him Scotland's most effective bowler in the ICC tournament and returned figures of one for 44.

Ponting, searching for form, was uncharacteristically passive in making 33 from 62 balls and, like the in-form Blewett, perished to a catch on the boundary. Blewett was the first of Keith Sheridan's five wickets as the 25-year-old civil engineer began the day of his dreams. Bowling accurate left-arm spin with a low trajectory through the last 14 overs, he was rewarded further with the wickets of the Waugh twins, Healy and Julian in the space of two overs. Steve Waugh has expressed an interest in working with the emerging nations as part of an ICC development programme and would be an ideal candidate to elevate the Scots to international requirements.

Their reply began positively enough with 31 coming from six overs until Kasprowicz found both the line and effective movement to induce edges from Patterson, Salmond and Williamson. When Philip played on to McGrath, Scotland were looking extremely soluble at 39 for four. It was the game, however, that was soon to dissolve, leaving Scotland with much to consider.

There was optimism, however, for the departing supporters in the announcement that the Scotland Under-19 team had just qualified for the youth World Cup.

Parsons provides spur for success

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toss): Somerset (4pts) bt Nottinghamshire by 30 runs

SOMERSET'S victory, which took them within two points of *the leading group in the* Sunday league, owed much to a scintillating innings by Keith Parsons that yielded 50 runs from 30 balls as Somerset added 57 from the last four overs (Jack Bailey writes). His flailing bat was crucial to the Somerset cause and, for all the efforts of Pollard and Tolley to score 106 from the last ten overs, first Parsons's innings and then some excellent bowling by Mushtaq Ahmed in the middle of Nottinghamshire's effort proved decisive.

Tolley, who had already taken four for 24, accompanied Pollard in a stand worth 80 from ten overs as they strove to overtake Somerset's 227, but, once Pollard left, after *making 87 from 104 balls*, Somerset were firmly in the saddle.

Before Tolley entered the scene, Holloway and Burns had looked in no discomfort. Then Holloway chopped a wide ball on to his stumps. With his next ball, Tolley had the new batsman, Turner, caught at extra cover and, almost before he knew it, Lathwell was on his way, leg-before.

When Ecclestone was caught at deep cover, Tolley had taken four for ten in five overs, Somerset had lost their first four wickets scoring 29 runs. Although Tolley took a fine catch to get rid of Burns, after his 60 from 87 balls, Parsons, Bowler and Rose figured in a *rousing finale to the innings.*

Wide smiles for Sussex

By Simon Wilde

HOVE (Gloucestershire won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by one wicket

SUSSEX are on something of a roll. After toppling Lancashire, the holders, in the NatWest Trophy last week, yesterday they denied Gloucestershire the chance to go equal top of the Axa Life League. It was only their *second league win of the* season and was achieved — in a tense, low-scoring match — in the most bizarre circumstances.

Having made heavy weather of closing in on their target of 142 — they needed only 15 runs from the last four overs with five wickets in hand — Sussex began the final over needing one run for victory with their eighth-wicket pair at the crease.

With the first ball, Alleyne bowled Keith Newell as he attempted to pull through the on side. With the second, Robinson was stumped down the leg side, but, as the Gloucestershire players celebrated the raised finger of umpire Plews at square leg, their attention was drawn to the fact that Jones, the umpire at the bowlers' end, had signalled a wide.

Robinson, one of the most *infamous "rabbits" in the* country, has been through his tribulations with the bat, but being dismissed for nought off the ball that won the match for his side — and after the event, as it were — must be a personal best. Rather sheepishly, he shook hands with Khan, his batting partner. "I gave him out before Allan [Jones] signalled a wide, so the wicket stands," Plews said.

Newell, who scored 35 and took the first two wickets to fall in the Gloucestershire innings, was one of Sussex's matchwinners. The other was Keith Greenfield, who scored a century in the defeat of Lancashire and played like a man in form.

He was the only batsman to really time the ball, stroking his way to 62 from 92 balls. The pitch was the one used for the Lancashire match, but it had lost all its pace. Green*field hit six fours, one fewer* than the opposition managed in their entire innings. After Newell, 24 was the next highest score.

Gloucestershire lost a succession of wickets in an effort to force the pace, though they were not helped by Cunliffe retiring with a groin strain in the fourth over. He returned later with a runner, but added only five. That nobody lasted longer or scored more runs than Lynch, who made 24 from 44 balls, tells its own tale.

Hemp inspires last-gasp win

By Michael Austin

CHESTER LE STREET (Durham won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Durham by five wickets (D/L Method)

THIS spectacular win, with three balls to spare, was inspired by David Hemp's half-century from 20 balls and lifted Warwickshire to the top of the Axa Life League. Hemp, a Bermuda-born left-hander and Warwickshire recruit this season from Glamorgan, struck three sixes and three fours in his first limited-overs fifty for his new county.

In a match disrupted by two protracted showers, Warwickshire prospered despite the early innings predicament of *being 22 runs adrift of their* target of 137 in 17 overs. Hemp transformed their position, ruthlessly exposing Durham's erratic length and line. Alan Walker, though returning three for 39, bowled a wayward final over, including a wide and a loose leg-side ball that Trevor Penney clipped for the match-winning boundary.

It was Warwickshire's first Sunday win in Durham at the third attempt, having lost at Darlington in 1993 and at Riverside two years ago. Their attack had been under pressure as Stewart Hutton, Stockton-born, and Martin Speight, a recruit from Sussex this summer, made half-centuries.

Hutton scored 57, with seven fours, from 62 balls. Speight plundered 64 not out, including a straight six off Neil Smith, and seven fours from 56 balls. Durham accelerated to 174 for two from 27.4 overs.

Warwickshire were still too streetwise, though the ponderous batting of Anurag Singh, the Cambridge captain, who scored 14 from 28 balls, might have cost them victory. James Boiling kissed the ground when forcing Singh to chop a ball on to his stumps, but Durham would have been better served if the batsman had loitered a few more overs. Ironically, his dismissal was the game's turning point as Warwickshire raced to success.

Pakistanis hand out lesson in panache

By Derek Hodgson

WALSALL (Pakistan A won toss): Pakistan A beat an ECB XI by ten wickets

THIS match was early evidence of the commitment of the new England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to the game at its lower levels. Its XI wore the coronet and lions of the full England team, was managed by Chris Old with John Carr, the board's operations manager, in overall charge.

The players — John Robinson and Stuart Waterton apart — were nominated by their clubs and it is not too cruel to say that the gap between their cricket and the play of this highly-talented young Pakistani team, whose average age is 17, five of whom are still at school, was glaringly obvious.

There were no hazards in the pitch, but the ECB were rarely able to sustain a partnership, the innings resting on a solid 49, off 117 balls, by Steve Foster, of Gomersal. With Angus Mackay, of Barnsgreen, he added 49 for the fifth wicket.

The most penetrative bowling came from the seamers, Shoaib Akhtar and Abdul Razzak, but the most intriguing was the flighted off-spin of Shoaib Malik, who is 15.

The ECB total of 145 was reduced by 38 in the seven overs before the interval in a flurry of boundaries by Ali Naqvi and Salim Elhi. Naqvi hit eight fours in his fifty, off 52 balls — he went on to 80 not out — while Elhi's fifty took 72 balls and included seven fours.

Stephenson regains taste for captaincy

By Pat Gibson

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by 88 runs

JOHN STEPHENSON silenced speculation about his future as Hampshire captain by taking six for 16 in five overs yesterday to give his side only their third Axa Life League victory this season.

Stephenson was so upset after Hampshire's defeat by Glamorgan in the NatWest Trophy quarter-final last week that his remarks were interpreted as meaning that he wanted "someone else" to have a go. Yesterday, he said that he had been speaking in the heat of the moment and that he had no intention of standing down.

Worcestershire were cruising at 100 for one in pursuit of 233, with Tom Moody and Graeme Hick peppering the pavilion roof and nearby houses with seemingly effortless sixes, when Moody tried to hit Udal for another and edged a steepling catch to gully.

Stephenson promptly took off Maru, put himself on to bowl his deceptively brisk medium pace and triggered an amazing collapse that saw Worcestershire lose their last nine wickets for 44. His final figures of six for 33 were his best in the competition.

Hampshire owed their total to Keech and Udal, who thrashed 98 off the last 11 overs after the early batsmen had struggled to time the ball on a slow pitch. Both reached half-centuries in the final over of the innings.

THE WEEKEND'S SCOREBOARDS

Axa Life League

Derbyshire v Yorkshire

DERBY (Yorkshire won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 114 runs

DERBYSHIRE

A S Rollins c Byas b Hartley	36
C J Adams not out	109
G A Khan c White b Stemp	6
V P Clarke not out	77
Extras (lb 16, w 13, nb 2)	31
Total (2 wkts, 40 overs)	259

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-101

BOWLING: Gough 8-0-65-0, Silverwood 6-0-43-0; Stemp 8-0-34-1; Hartley 8-1-27-1. White 2-0-15-0; Morris 4-0-30-0, Lehmann 4-0-29-0

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas c Khan b Dean	4
C White c Krikken b DeFreitas	8
D S Lehmann b Clarke	30
†R J Blakey c Krikken b DeFreitas	9
B Parker b DeFreitas	0
A McGrath c Barnett b Clarke	40
A C Morris c Krikken b Harris	17
P J Hartley not out	9
D Gough b Harris	10
C E W Silverwood b Harris	1
R D Stemp b Harris	1
Extras (lb 8, w 8)	16
Total (32.2 overs)	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-16, 3-39, 4-39, 5-84, 6-115, 7-124, 8-139, 9-141

BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-1-33-3; Dean 8-0-25-1; Clarke 8-1-28-2; Aldred 4-0-23-0; Harris 4.2-0-22-4.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and R A White

Durham v Warwickshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Durham by five wickets (D/L Method)

DURHAM

J E Morris run out	14
S Hutton c Frost b Smith	57
†M P Speight not out	64
*D C Boon not out	26
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 3, nb 4)	13
Total (2 wkts, 27.4 overs)	174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-103.

BOWLING: Brown 4-1-15-0; Welch 3.5-0-27-0; Donald 5-0-38-0; Giles 5-0-33-0, Small 4.5-0-25-0; Smith 5-0-30-1.

WARWICKSHIRE

A Singh b Boiling	14
*N M K Smith c Walker b Brown	9
D R Brown c Hutton b Walker	19
D L Hemp c Brown b Walker	50
D P Ostler not out	24
G Welch lbw b Walker	5
T L Penney not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 2, nb 2)	12
Total (5 wkts, 16.3 overs)	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-37, 3-81, 4-117, 5-133

BOWLING: Brown 3-0-14-1; Wood 4-0-21-0; Boiling 3-0-30-1. Foster 3-0-25-0; Walker 3.3-0-39-3

Umpires: H D Bird and G I Burgess.
Target Score: 137 from 17 overs.

Hampshire v Worcestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by 87 runs

HAMPSHIRE

J S Laney lbw b Moody	9
M L Hayden c Lampitt b Chapman	32
R A Smith c Rhodes b Chapman	49
M Keech not out	53
W S Kendall lbw b Chapman	15
S D Udal not out	52
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 8, nb 8)	22
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-99, 3-108, 4-134

BOWLING: Moody 7-1-28-1; Hick 8-0-39-0; Lampitt 7-0-51-0; Sheriyar 6-0-44-0; Chapman 6-0-27-3, Leatherdale 4-0-28-0; Solanki 2-0-9-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody c Smith b Udal	49
V S Solanki c Aymes b Connor	3
G A Hick c Aymes b Stephenson	48
K R Spiring lbw b Stephenson	5
D A Leatherdale c Aymes b Stephenson	12
W P C Weston b Udal	0
†I Dawood c Aymes b Stephenson	1
S R Lampitt b Udal	10
†S J Rhodes not out	8
A Sheriyar c Maru b Stephenson	1
R J Chapman lbw b Stephenson	0
Extras (lb 2, w 7)	9
Total (30.3 overs)	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-100, 3-106, 4-124, 5-125, 6-126, 7-127, 8-144, 9-145.

BOWLING: Connor 4-0-11-1; Renshaw 5-0-21-0; Maru 6-0-26-0; Stephenson 7.3-0-33-6; Udal 8-0-52-3.

Umpires: T E Jesty and B J Meyer

Nottinghamshire v Somerset

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 30 runs

SOMERSET

M Burns c Tolley b Astle	60
P C L Holloway b Tolley	35
†R J Turner c Johnson b Tolley	0
S C Ecclestone c Astle b Tolley	15
M N Lathwell lbw b Tolley	2
*P D Bowler b Astle	30
K A Parsons not out	52
G D Rose not out	13
Extras (lb 9, w 4, nb 7)	20
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-67, 3-87, 4-96, 5-149, 6-170

BOWLING: Evans 7-0-40-0; Franks 8-0-42-0; Oram 5.5-0-42-0, Johnson 0.1-0-1-0; Tolley 8-1-24-4, Bates 6-0-36-0; Astle 5-0-33-2.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard c Turner b Caddick	87
A A Metcalfe c Turner b Rose	11
*P Johnson c Bowler b Rose	14
N J Astle c Caddick b Mushtaq	22
R T Robinson c and b Mushtaq	8
C M Tolley c Rose b Caddick	36
R T Bates c Kerr b Caddick	2
†W M Noon not out	6
K P Evans not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 2)	10
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	197

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-47, 3-100, 4-123, 5-180, 6-190, 7-190.

BOWLING: Rose 8-0-20-2; Parsons 8-0-50-0; Caddick 8-0-45-3; Mushtaq Ahmed 8-1-26-2; Kerr 8-0-49-0

Umpires: J H Harris and P Willey.

Sussex v Gloucestershire

HOVE (Gloucestershire won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by one wicket

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

R J Cunliffe b Kirtley	12
A J Wright c Rao b K Newell	18
S Young c Khan b K Newell	11
M A Lynch lbw b Robinson	24
*M W Alleyne c Moores b Khan	13
†R C Russell b Jarvis	3
T H C Hancock c Rao b Jarvis	20
M C J Ball c Khan b Jarvis	12
A M Smith not out	8
R P Davis lbw b Kirtley	0
J J Lewis not out	3
Extras (lb 5, w 8, nb 4)	17
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	141

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-42, 3-71, 4-83, 5-96, 6-116, 7-125, 8-131, 9-131.

BOWLING: K Newell 8-0-22-2; Kirtley 8-0-36-2; Robinson 8-2-22-1; Jarvis 8-0-32-3; Khan 8-1-24-1.

SUSSEX

K Greenfield c Alleyne b Davis	62
C W J Athey c Russell b Smith	1
R K Rao b Smith	4
M Newell b Young	10
N J Lenham c and b Ball	7
K Newell b Alleyne	35
*†P Moores c Smith b Young	8
P W Jarvis b Young	0
A A Khan not out	6
M A Robinson st Russell b Alleyne	0
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 2)	9
Total (9 wkts, 39.1 overs)	142

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-15, 3-52, 4-73, 5-114, 6-127, 7-127, 8-141, 9-142

BOWLING: Smith 9-4-18-2; Lewis 7-1-22-0; Young 9-1-32-3; Ball 8-0-23-1; Alleyne 5.1-0-25-2; Davis 3-0-16-1

Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews.

Tour matches

Scotland v Australians

EDINBURGH (Grange CC: Scotland won toss): Match abandoned

AUSTRALIANS

M J Slater c Lockhart b Stanger	95
J L Langer c Salmond b Beven	46
R T Ponting c Salmond b Williamson	33
G S Blewett c Steindl b Sheridan	30
M E Waugh c Steindl b Sheridan	11
*S R Waugh b Sheridan	2
B P Julian c Salmond b Sheridan	5
†I A Healy c Stanger b Sheridan	2
J N Gillespie b Williamson	4
M S Kasprowicz not out	15
G D McGrath not out	7
Extras (lb 2, w 6, nb 20)	28
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	278

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-143, 2-174, 3-226, 4-235, 5-239, 6-250, 7-250, 8-252, 9-261

BOWLING: Steindl 6-0-43-0; Thomson 9-0-29-0; Stanger 9-0-48-1; Williamson 7-0-47-2; Beven 10-0-44-1; Sheridan 10-0-65-5

SCOTLAND

B M W Patterson c Healy b Kasprowicz	14
I L Philip b McGrath	3
M J Smith c S R Waugh b Julian	15
*G Salmond c Healy b Kasprowicz	0
J G Williamson c Julian b Kasprowicz	2
†D R Lockhart c Julian b Gillespie	5
I M Stanger not out	10
P D Steindl not out	0
Extras (lb 5, w 17, nb 24)	46
Total (6 wkts, 21.5 overs)	95

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-31, 3-32, 4-39, 5-69, 6-95

BOWLING: McGrath 6-2-17-1, Kasprowicz 6-0-28-3, Julian 5-0-32-1; Gillespie 4.5-0-13-1.

Umpires: J Breslin and D M Potter

English Cricket Board XI v Pakistan A

WALSALL (Pakistan A won toss): Pakistan A beat English Cricket Board XI by ten wickets

ECB XI

S Dean lbw b Razzak	2
*M Roberts b Akhtar	9
S Foster c Mohammad b Shoaib	49
J Robinson lbw b Akhtar	0
D Clarke lbw b Azhar	2
A Mackay b Razzak	23
†S Waterton not out	23
B Usher lbw b Akhtar	3
P Roshier b Shoaib	0
R Evans b Razzak	4
K Arnold c Javed b Azhar	1
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 8, nb 11)	29
Total (47.1 overs)	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-27, 3-27, 4-43, 5-90, 6-116, 7-125, 8-133, 9-144

BOWLING: Shoaib Akhtar 9-1-30-3; Abdul Razzak 10-0-34-3, Azhar Mahmood 8.1-1-23-2; Ali Husain Rizvi 10-0-30-0, Shoaib Malik 10-1-18-2.

PAKISTAN A

Ali Naqvi not out	80
Salim Elahi not out	58
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 2)	9
Total (no wkt, 30.3 overs)	147

BOWLING: Arnold 10-3-28-0; Usher 3.3-0-30-0; Roshier 3-0-27-0; Mackay 7-1-30-0. Evans 7-0-28-0.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and M J Harris.

Northern Electric Trophy

Yorkshire v Durham

SCARBOROUGH (Durham won toss): Yorkshire beat Durham by five wickets

DURHAM

J J B Lewis c Morris b McGrath	100
M A Roseberry lbw b Morris	26
J E Morris c McGrath b White	31
*D C Boon c Blakey b Fisher	2
N J Speak c Lehmann b Hamilton	61
†M P Speight b Hamilton	30
M J Foster b Hamilton	14
M M Betts not out	8
J Boiling not out	6
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 5)	14
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	292

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-111, 3-114, 4-191, 5-233, 6-268, 7-284

BOWLING: Hamilton 10-0-51-3; Hartley 10-0-58-0, Morris 10-0-80-1; White 7-1-23-1; Fisher 10-0-48-1, McGrath 3-0-23-1

YORKSHIRE

M D Moxon c Speight b Foster	61
A McGrath c Morris b Boiling	57
*D Byas b Wood	63
D S Lehmann c Morris b Foster	15
C White not out	56
B Parker c Speight b Brown	14
†R J Blakey not out	5
Extras (lb 5, w 8)	13
Total (5 wkts, 49.3 overs)	294

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-128, 2-147, 3-177, 4-263, 5-284.

BOWLING: Brown 10-0-57-1; Betts 9.3-0-60-0; Wood 10-0-58-1; Foster 10-0-61-2; Boiling 10-0-53-1.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeater

McCain Challenge

Essex v Leicestershire

SCARBOROUGH (Leicestershire won toss). Leicestershire beat Essex by one run

LEICESTERSHIRE

D L Maddy c Cowan b Williams	37
I J Sutcliffe c Hyam b Cowan	36
B F Smith c Cowan b Williams	69
N C Johnson c Cowan b Grayson	21
J M Dakin not out	50
†P A Nixon not out	21
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 3, nb 4)	13
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-83, 3-137, 4-204.

BOWLING: D R Law 7-0-51-0; Williams 8-0-47-2; Such 8-0-17-0; Cowan 8-0-50-1; Irani 6-0-43-0; Grayson 5-0-33-1.

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c Nixon b Ormond	0
S G Law c Sutcliffe b Dakin	51
D D J Robinson not out	93
R C Irani c and b Maddy	68
A P Grayson c Smith b Maddy	3
D R Law c Smith b Maddy	2
S D Peters c Maddy b Johnson	7
A P Cowan not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 10)	18
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	246

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-82, 3-212, 4-216, 5-220, 6-238

BOWLING: Ormond 8-0-40-1; Johnson 5-0-24-1; Crowe 2-0-17-0; Williamson 8-0-34-0; Dakin 7-0-44-1; Wells 2-0-18-0; Brimson 3-0-33-0; Maddy 5-0-28-3

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeater

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Horton can save Derbyshire from further infighting

ALAN LEE

Championship Commentary

THIS time last year, Mike Horton, the chairman of Derbyshire, returned from a business trip to Florida and perceived that factions of his committee were plotting against him. He almost resigned, thought better of it and declared: "This club has to keep going forward. If everyone is pulling the same way, then I'll stay."

Derbyshire, with a captain and coach identified and installed by Horton, then finished second in the county championship. The members purred, the chairman seemed secure. Now, however, Horton is in Florida once again and, when he arrives home, early next month, it will be to a club in ferment.

Suddenly, it seems, pulling together is an alien concept at Derby. Horton's future as chairman is but one contentious issue to be resolved in the turmoil provoked by the departure of Dean Jones. The future of senior players and even of the physiotherapist, Ann Brentnall, must also be settled.

When Jones walked out last month, he set off a chain of events that threatens the soul of this small but combustible club. There is no end in sight to the conflict and the possibility is growing that it will rouse the members to call for a special general meeting, which could unseat Horton and the entire committee.

The abrupt exit of Jones, a dereliction of duty on his part, was sloppily handled by Horton and his principal committee men and the outcome has been insurrection in the playing ranks. There is now the risk that several leading players — Kim Barnett, Dominic Cork and Phillip DeFreitas among them — will tire of their treatment and seek to leave.

There has been a month of covert whispering and finger-pointing, rumour and resentment. The committee has taken refuge in silence and, disingenuously, expected the players to follow its lead. When Barnett, a natural spokesman after 13 years as captain, dared to comment on the affair on local radio, he was fined, then fined again when he objected.

It is this last matter that is prolonging the saga. Barnett appealed against his punishment and the hearing was set to come before the disciplinary committee of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) at Lord's last Friday. At short notice, it was postponed and a new date is likely to be a month distant. Another month of unhealthy stirring.

The postponement, I understand, was imposed, indirectly, through the absence of the chairman. Horton lodged a statement with the ECB and Barnett's solicitor, hired by the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) after a visit to Derby last weekend by the general secretary, David Graveney, insisted that he should be present to be cross-examined.

Barnett is in no mood to accept defeat and he has considerable right on his side. His defence is based on the premises that the club's blanket ban on player comment was a nonsense, that his own remarks were mild, conciliatory and within the ECB's new guidelines on public statements and that procedural errors were made in the imposition of his fine.

The figure of £1,500 is, incongruously, three times greater than Warwickshire fined Keith Piper for drug-taking and substantially more than Derbyshire themselves fined Chris Adams for blatant and public dissent in their match against the Australians last month.

Two things particularly gall Barnett and the great majority of players who support him. One is that Horton described Jones's departure as "amicable", when it was anything but; the other is that Jones was permitted to issue a statement, through the club, in which he attacked the attitude of the senior players. This is a charge, they feel, to which they are entitled to reply.

Bad blood runs deeper. Les Stillman, the Australian coach hired with Jones, has now been banished from all contact with the team and is seeing out his contract on what are euphemistically termed "scouting duties". The club has given him a house, a car and a substantial salary, but the pressure has evidently threatened his health. Some of the players have little sympathy.

Brentnall, a diligent and popular figure, submitted her resignation when the coach and captain questioned her judgment that Cork was sufficiently injured to require specialist treatment. Brentnall's opinion was later vindicated — Cork is unlikely to be fit this season — and she has been persuaded to stay on, at least temporarily.

Last season, Stillman worked effectively with Jones. Hardly a word could be heard against them from the dressing-room. This season, it seemed to many, they were working at odds with each other and the creation of disharmony and mistrust, embracing scepticism about Cork's fitness, has eroded team morale. Derbyshire are now one place off the bottom of a championship many had felt they could win.

Horton, rich on the proceeds of his business but "a frustrated sportsman" at heart, is the one man who can turn the tide. He has performed one minor miracle for Derbyshire by single-handedly saving them from bankruptcy — and consequent extinction — four years ago. "I inherited a mess at this club and it has taken a lot of turning round," he said last year. Now he has another, distinctly different, mess to occupy him.

His most sensible course might be to prioritise peace talks with Barnett, even to offer him an apology, in order to head off an inevitably messy and destructive appeal hearing. Then he should make his own statement on the Jones affair, deal with the festering presence of Stillman and do his utmost to protect the playing resources before they disperse.

If he achieves all this, he will probably keep his committee together and placate the membership. It would be a formidable feat of humility and conciliation. On the other hand, Horton may return from his business trip, observe the mess that is partly of his own creation, reflect on his words of a year ago and decide it is time to go. That, for the well-being of Derbyshire, would be the greatest shame.

Pigott is making his considerable presence felt both on and off the scarred battleground at Hove. Photograph: Peter Trievnor

Power switch ignites Pigott's dream

James Allen meets a revolutionary aiming to restore a new order amid the chaos at Sussex

It is rare to find a senior manager known to his staff by a nickname acquired in his youth, but then Tony Pigott, who will be saddled with "Lester" as long as he works in Sussex, is not your average man in a blazer. He brought a revolution to the sleepy acres of a cricket club he loved and, the coup complete, found himself installed in a seat of power.

Until the winter, Pigott, the Sussex chief executive, occupied the less exalted position of assistant coach at Surrey, with whom he had seen out his playing days after leaving Hove. Such has been Sussex's poor form in the first half of the season, with the NatWest Trophy second-round victory over Lancashire last week a rare beacon in the gloom, that he has also taken on a more "hands-on" role in first-team affairs.

It is a startling and rapid transformation, born out of the acrimony that gripped the club over the close season. A handful of senior players had left and Pigott, despairing of the club's committee, rallied members to his standard. At the annual meeting in March, the old regime was ousted and Robin Marlar became chairman.

Pigott, 39, was soon appointed as director of cricket and "acting" chief executive, before the job became formally his. "It is something that hadn't ever been an ambition of mine," Pigott said, "but, after playing cricket, it's the next-best thing."

He accepts, however, that the workload will have to be pared down and confirmed that he is to shed one of his titles. "I'm going to be chief executive and we are going to recruit a director of cricket, but it is such a vital appointment that we are not going to be rushed," he said.

The chosen person will oversee the club's involvement with Sussex cricket from schools level upwards and Pigott is at pains to emphasise that it will not diminish the responsibilities of the present coaching staff — as if aware that the announcement of his own closer involvement with the first team was open to various interpretations. Most of them concerned the future of Desmond Haynes, the first-team coach.

"It has been blown out of all proportion," Pigott said. "I'm just another pair of eyes and ears. The captain and the coach are very close to the team, but I'm more on the outside and hopefully can add another view. I'm not going to send someone out on to the pitch who Peter Moores [the Sussex captain] doesn't want out there."

The same diplomatic tone greets inquiries about Marlar's criticism, before he became chairman, of the appointments of Haynes and Moores. "A lot of things were said during the winter," Pigott said, "and I think he regrets some of the things he did say, but we are 100 per cent behind the players we have and the season represents a great chance for them."

With the heart of the team torn out over the winter, there was an air of inevitability about Sussex's present difficulties on the field and the need for recruitment is obvious. Yet Pigott is not willing to encourage the "total speculation" that the club will be among those bidding for Shane Warne's services.

For all that, the spark of ambition to push Sussex forward glows brightly. He would like to close the book on the past, offering only a smile when asked about the state of the club as he found it.

He did not sit down at his desk in the spring without an insight into the mechanics of county cricket, having worked in the marketing department at Hove in his days on the playing staff, or without commercial experience further afield. Latterly, he had a management company that looked after the interests of Alec Stewart, Graham Thorpe and Mark Ramprakash — but the new job is something altogether different.

"I wish there were 30 hours in a day," he said. "I spent 18 years with Sussex as a player and have supported them since the age of four, so hopefully I understand the club as well as anybody, but, when you become chief executive, you have to know absolutely everything. It's a million-pound business."

He has already established a reputation for being an innovator and talks of attracting a new audience to cricket. There will be a Sunday league game under lights in August at Hove, where playing hours in the championship have been set later to encourage a post-work crowd. "You have got to try to get people to watch cricket, get more people into the grounds," Pigott said. "We are in the entertainment business."

To those of a less adventurous nature who are determined to maintain the game's status quo, it is revolutionary talk indeed.

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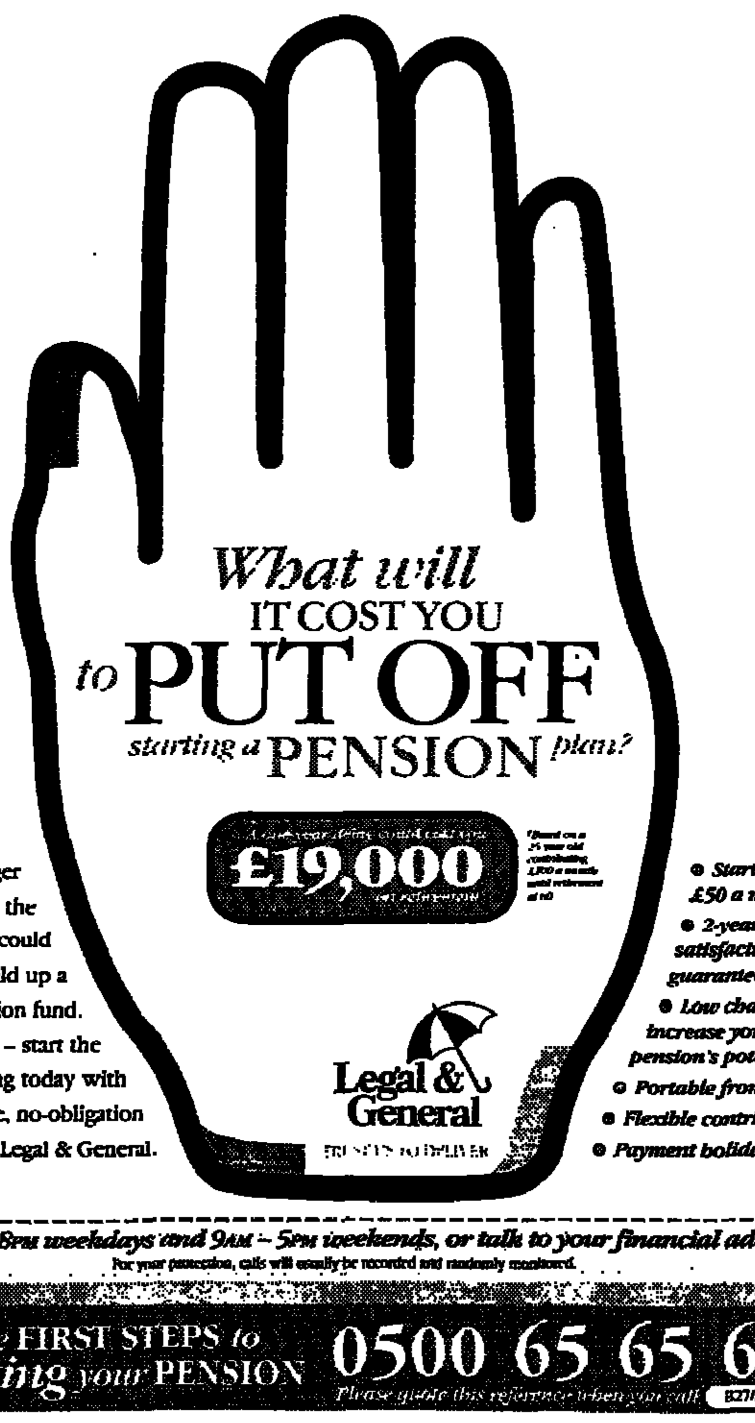

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RACING: KING OF KINGS LOSES UNBEATEN RECORD ON DAY OF DISAPPOINTING FAVOURITES

Ebadiyla confirms home advantage

FROM CHRIS MCGRATH AT THE CURRAGH

AFTER years of equine imperialism, home rule is once again being asserted on the Irish turf. Ebadiyla yesterday made it four out of four domestic wins in the season's Irish classics when seeing off the British-trained favourite, Yashmak, in the Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks at the Curragh.

However, the locals were discouraged from excessive delusions of grandeur when King Of Kings, that loudest of talking horses, met his first defeat on the same card.

Yashmak had run fourth in the Oaks at Epsom, where Ebadiyla was sixth. But the Aga Khan's filly was having only her third start that day, and proved naive in a rough race. This time, enjoying the services of a pacemaker, Aliya, she was produced two furlongs out by John Murtagh — riding his first classic winner — to gallop three lengths clear of Yashmak.

Henry Cecil, the latter's trainer, reported that his Ribblesdale Stakes winner had lost a shoe and would have preferred more rain, but refused to offer excuses for defeat by an improving filly.

John Oxx, the winning trainer, said: "Epsom was a bit of a mess; she didn't act on the track, it was a rough contest and we made too much use of her. My horses had been down with the flu, too, but she has been in much better form recently, and may now go for the Yorkshire Oaks."

King Of Kings had been dethroned from his dominion over the juveniles — who, after all, have barely shown their hand — when narrowly denied in the Omni Racing Anglesey Stakes. Ladbrokes pushed him out from 5-1 to 12-1 for next year's 2,000 Guineas, restoring sanity to a market seduced by loose talk of greatness.

Aidan O'Brien, his trainer, withdrew four runners on the card, reporting them off their feed. That offers one possible excuse for his defeat, but there is nothing morecowardly than a bully — and one has to wonder whether King Of Kings was simply reluctant to match his brutish physical superiority over less precocious rivals with a corresponding mental toughness.

The colt strolled around the paddock with sumptuous majesty, betraying no sign of the frothiness that had menaced his previous, swaggering wins — though he did get on his toes when mounted.

In the race, he showed the stride of a panther alongside four flimsier rivals. Christy Roche, however, once again seemed keen not to unnerve him — but whereas he had been able to win cleverly here last time, yesterday he found a more tenacious opponent in Lady Alexander.

The Con Collins-trained filly held on in a photo-finish, but the result could have been different if King Of Kings had put his head down — in every sense. Roche kept his hands on the reins, trying to nurse him home. "I felt at halfway that the horse was not right," he explained after being quizzed by the stewards. "I didn't hit him or show him the whip because I knew that, if I did, we would have no horse — and he is a horse with a future." That remains to be seen.

For now, however, it looks as though — once again — the turf has provided the shallowest of roots for great expectations.

BIG-RACE DETAILS

4.20 KILDANGAN STUD IRISH OAKS (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: Ir£112,700 1m 4f)

1, EBADIYLA (J Murtagh 9-2); 2, Yashmak (K Fallon 6-4 fav); 3, Brilliance (S Guillot 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Strawberry Roan (4th), 14 Etoile (6th), 25 Caiseal Ros, 33 Absolute Glee, Aliya, Family Tradition, Sheil Ginger, Via Verbano (5th). 11 ran. 3l, hd, 1½l. J Oxx in Ireland. Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £5.40. CSF: £9.58. 2min 33.70sec

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Ebadiyla gains an impressive victory in yesterday's Irish Oaks at the Curragh

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6.30 Le Grand Gousier. 7.00 Jungle Story. 7.30 The Dilettanti. 8.00 Calamander. 8.30 Masharik. 9.00 Bestelina.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.00 Dooze.

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6.30 IKM NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS SELLING STAKES (£2,147: 1m 3f 135yd) (10 runners)

1	0640	RIVERS MAGIC 12 (S) J Bridger 4-9-9	M Henry (3) 6
2	5042	ILLEGALLY YOURS 16 L Montague Hall 4-9-4	C Lowther (7) 7
3	-060	SHEILAS DREAM 4 G L Moore 4-9-4	S Whitworth 8
4	3100	RISCATTO 7 (F) W Muir 3-9-1	K Fallon 3
5	5345	FORTUNE HOPPER 7 J Pearce 3-8-10	G Bardwell 2
6	4520	LE GRAND GOUSIER 7 R Williams 3-8-10	R Cochrane 10
7	0500	RUNNING FREE 10 M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-10	Dane O'Neill 1
8	4502	WARRIOR KING 13 Mrs P Dutfield 3-8-10	Aimee Cook (5) 9
9		FLYING ANGEL A Barrow 3-8-5	N Adams 5
10	-346	NUBILE 13 B Hills 3-8-5	D Holland 4

6-4 Nubile, 7-2 Le Grand Gousier, 7-1 Warrior King, 9-1 Illegally Yours, 10-1 Sheilas Dream, Riscatto, 12-1 Rivers Magic, 14-1 others.

7.00 EBF JUNE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,648: 5f 217yd) (22)

SKY

1	0	BLUEBERRY 14 S Dow 8-11	S Sanders 8
2		BLUE ZOLA M Bell 8-11	T Quinn 2
3		CHLO-JO A Foster 8-11	D Holland 11
4	54	DODO 19 D Elsworth 8-11	K Fallon 10
5	06	DOOZE 24 (V) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori 21
6	00	GHORAPANI 16 (V) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	B Doyle 16
7	060	GIPSY MOTH 14 B Meehan 8-11	M Tebbutt 5
8	560	JAY GEE 26 G Margarson 8-11	D Biggs 9
9		JUNGLE STORY P Walwyn 8-11	R Cochrane 7
10	345	MIGHTY MAGIC 23 Mrs P Dutfield 8-11	R Havlin (3) 13
11		MISS ZAFONIC R Hannon 8-11	Pat Eddery 17
12		PINUP G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery 20
13		PRINCESS DEYA Dr J Scargill 8-11	J Tate 4
14	0	QUIZ SHOW 24 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill 1
15		RISADA D Loder 8-11	D R McCabe 6
16		ROBSART J Fanshawe 8-11	D Harrison 3
17		RUNAROUND S Dow 8-11	J F Egan 18
18	303	SADA 14 W Hern 8-11	R Hills 14
19		SAFABEE M Haynes 8-11	Martin Dwyer (3) 12
20	6	SASSY 54 A Jarvis 8-11	S Drowne 19
21	0	SECRET TANGO 79 A P Jones 8-11	R Price 15
22		SUNLEY SEEKER M Channon 8-11	R Perham 22

9-2 Sada, 6-1 Dodo, 7-1 Jungle Story, Risada, 8-1 Dooze, Miss Zafonic, 10-1 Blue Zola, 14-1 others.

7.30 CROWN RECRUITMENT & TRAINING RATED HANDICAP (£4,737: 1m 2f 7yd) (10)

SKY

1	-410	THE DILETTANTI 37 (D,F,G) J Toller 4-9-7	S Sanders 4
2	36-0	DANCE SO SUITE 82 (C,F,G,S) P Cole 5-9-1	T Quinn 1
3	1416	BREAK THE RULES 9 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholls 5-8-10	Alex Greaves 5
4	636-	GRIEF 142J (D,G) D Elsworth 4-8-9	R Cochrane 3
5	4-34	BIT ON THE SIDE 31 (D,G,S) N Berry 8-8-8	S Drowne 6
6	-000	YALTA 26 (F) R Charlton 4-8-7	Pat Eddery 10
7	4-10	GIFT TOKEN 23 (F) D Chappell 3-8-5	G Carter 2
8	1620	FUTURE PERFECT 27 (F,S) P Cole 3-8-0	C Rutter 7
9	-102	SIR TALBOT 30 (F) R Hannon 3-8-0	Martin Dwyer (3) 8
10	2100	RIVER'S SOURCE 15 (D,F) B Hills 3-7-12	R Ffrench (5) 9

4-1 Sir Talbot, 5-1 Future Perfect, 6-1 The Dilettanti, Bit On The Side, River's Source, 7-1 Gift Token, 8-1 Break The Rules, Yalta, 10-1 others

8.00 ORBIS SECURITY SYSTEMS FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,063: 1m 67yd) (17)

SKY

1	4131	SHARP 'N' SHADY 11 (S) C Wall 4-9-11	G Duffield 15
2	2003	FIRST CHANCE 34 D Elsworth 3-9-10	R Cochrane 1
3	60-0	COMANCHE COMPANION 10 (D) T Naughton 7-9-8	Pat Eddery 11
4	2431	QUEEN'S INSIGNIA 14 (CD,F,G,S) P Cole 4-9-8	T Quinn 7
5	0322	CALAMANDER 26 (BF) W Muir 3-9-7	Dane O'Neill 13
6	6130	SIS GARDEN 24 (D,F,S) J Cullinan 4-9-5	R Ffrench (5) 9
7	0000	PAPITA 12 (F) S Dow 3-9-5	J F Egan 6
8	0005	CATS BOTTOM 16 (D,F) A Newcombe 5-8-12	R Price 4
9	605	BALFOUR LADY 10 J Toller 3-8-11	S Sanders 12
10	000	MIGHTY FLOW 58 Mrs P Dutfield 3-8-8	R Havlin (3) 14
11	0054	ON THE GREEN 18 (V) A Hide 4-8-2	G Bardwell 16
12	0-00	IMPETUOUS LADY 20 W Musson 4-8-0	J Quinn 10
13	,0-0	ETERNALLY GRATEFUL 11 A Ivory 4-8-0	Martin Dwyer (3) 3
14	0000	PERCHANCE TO DREAM 7 B Millman 3-7-12	S Drowne 8
15	0000	CALANDRELLA 10 G Balding 4-7-12	N Varley 17
16	0006	FANCY DESIGN 7 P Mitchell 4-7-10	Aimee Cook (5) 5
17	0-05	DON'T FORGET SHOKA 47 (S) J S Moore 3-7-10	N Adams 2

4-1 Queen's Insignia, 9-2 Sharp 'n' Shady, 11-2 Calamander, 7-1 First Chance, 8-1 On The Green, 10-1 Sis Garden, Cats Bottom, 12-1 others.

8.30 FINANCIAL TIMES MAGAZINE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,662: 1m 2f 7yd) (17)

1	33	ALARMIST 17 (BF) R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake 8
2	04	AZORES 24 (BF) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn 10
3	00	CROMPTON LIGHTS 12 D Cosgrove 9-0	S Gaillard (7) 13
4	-	KALMOOJID C Hall 9-0	Dane O'Neill 12
5		KAMANEV M Stoute 9-0	D Holland 16
6		KAYF TARA M Stoute 9-0	K Fallon 11
7		LIMNI Mrs J Cecil 9-0	G Duffield 9
8	-453	MENGAAB 13 (V,BF) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori 15
9		MORAN R Johnson Houghton 9-0	S Sanders 17
10	6	MY ROLAND 17 J Fitch-Heyes 9-0	D Harrison 2
11	00	PRINCE ALEX 16 A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts 1
12	-000	FLYING COLOURS 34 C Benstead 8-9	A McGlone 3
13	00-	FULLY BOOKED 323 J Hills 8-9	M Henry (3) 4
14	6	KRISTAL BRIDGE 44 P Harris 8-9	C Lowther (7) 7
15	2	MASHARIK 13 W Hern 8-9	R Hills 5
16	20	ROCKY DANCE 12 A Jarvis 8-9	S Drowne 6
17		SHAILENDRA J Gosden 8-9	G Hind 14

3-1 Masharik, 4-1 Mengaab, 5-1 Kayf Tara, 6-1 Alarmist, 10-1 Azores, Kamanev, Shailendra, 12-1 others

9.00 RAFFLES NIGHTCLUB AND PIPER CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (£2,898: 5f 10yd) (17)

1	0020	MINDRACE 30 (D,F) K Ivory 4-9-13	Martin Dwyer (3) 14
2	1030	STEP ON DEGAS 105 (D,F) M F-Godley 4-9-12	R Ffrench (5) 3
3	1453	LITTLESTONE ROCKET 5 (B,D,F) W Muir 3-9-7	Dane O'Neill 13
4	5444	ICE AGE 12 (D,F) R Williams 3-9-5	R Cochrane 12
5	0-00	IMPY FOX 17 (V) P Mooney 3-9-0	W J O'Connor 16
6	0206	NELLIE NORTH 13 (CD,F) G McCourt 4-8-13	D Harrison 5
7	1633	NAPIER STAR 23 (V,D) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-13	B Doyle 15
8	6-60	ASHKERNAZY 7 (CD,F) N Berry 6-8-13	R Perham 17
9	4135	ROBO MAGIC 23 (D,F) L Montague Hall 5-8-12	C Lowther (7) 8
10	6-40	BESTELINA 41 D Cosgrove 3-8-10	G Carter 11
11	3460	WHIZZ KID 10 (CD,F) J Bridger 3-8-10	M Henry (3) 4
12	5402	BRIGHT PARAGON 7 (C,D,F,G,S) K Ivory 8-8-7	S Carson (7) 1
13	006	KILDEE BOY 17 A P Jones 3-8-7	R Price 7
14	0403	DONA FILIPA 9 Miss L Siddall 4-8-7	K Fallon 2
15	0005	DANCING MYSTERY 10 E Wheeler 3-8-4	T Sprake 10
16	00-3	TOMMY TEMPEST 7 (D,S) R Peacock 8-8-3	S Sanders 6
17	500-	DOUBLE OR BUST 292 (B) C Hill 4-7-10	R Mullen (5) 9

6-1 Step On Degas, 7-1 Littlestone Rocket, Ice Age, Nellie North, Bright Paragon, 8-1 Mindrace, Robo Magic, 10-1 others

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TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 3 winners from 14 runners, 21.4%; R Johnson Houghton, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Stoute, 8 from 43, 18.6%; R Hannon, 37 from 245, 15.1%; P Walwyn, 5 from 35, 14.3%

JOCKEYS: K Fallon, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; L Dettori, 27 from 130, 20.8%; Pat Eddery, 41 from 202, 20.3%; Aimee Cook, 3 from 18, 16.7%; Martin Dwyer, 8 from 49, 16.3%

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

York

Going: good to firm (good in places)

2.00 (6f) 1, Merlin's Ring (L Dettori, 11-8 fav); 2, Requestor (5-2); 3, Up At The Top (10-1). 14 ran. NR: Boffin Ann. 1¼l, 1½l. I Balding. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £3.00. Trio: £13.40. CSF: £4.73.

2.35 (6f 214yd) 1, Tracking (K Fallon, 4-6 fav); 2, Prose (7-2); 3, The Glow-Worm (9-2). 4 ran. NR: Cumbrian Caruso. Hd, 1½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.98.

3.10 (6f 214yd) 1, Stackattack (F Lynch, 9-2 fav); 2, Anonym (16-1); 3, Present Chance (20-1); 4, Grey Kingdom (7-1). 16 ran. NR: Persian Fayre, Raheen. 1½l, sh hd. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £4.40; £1.40, £3.90, £5.50, £1.40. DF: £71.70. Trio: £893.60. CSF: £79.34. Tricast: £1,309.39.

3.40 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, Benatom (K Fallon, 4-1); 2, Willie Conquer (2-1 fav); 3, Cuff Link (12-1). 7 ran. NR: Poltarf, Top Cees. 1½l, ½l. H Cecil. Tote: £6.10; £2.20, £1.80. DF: £7.10. Trio: £34.90. CSF: £12.67. Tricast: £85.10.

4.15 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, Pasternak (G Duffield, 13-2); 2, Najm Mubeen (16-1); 3, Game Ploy (12-1); 4, Star Manager (20-1). Humourless, Komi 4-1 jt-favs. 21 ran. ½l, nk. M Prescott. Tote: £8.60; £3.10, £5.60, £3.20, £5.60. DF: £337.70. Trio: £2,316.00. CSF: £111.63. Tricast: £1,186.11. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.45 (6f) 1, Faraway Lass (D Harrison, 14-1); 2, Benzoe (12-1); 3, Zuhair (33-1); 4, Oggi (4-1 fav). 21 ran. NR: So Intrepid. Hd, 1¾l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £17.00; £2.90, £4.00, £20.90, £1.70. DF: £122.50. Trio: £1,781.70. CSF: £165.97. Tricast: £5,054.24.

5.15 (5f) 1, Socket Set (M Roberts, 7-2); 2, Mysticism (3-1 fav); 3, Grand Estate (100-30). 7 ran. ¾l, 3l. B McMahon. Tote: £5.00; £2.50, £1.90. DF: £7.30. CSF: £14.55.

Jackpot: £25,321.40.

Placepot: £81.50. Quadpot: £87.80.

Chester

Going: good to firm

2.10 (7f 2yd) 1, Lord Smith (P Fessey, 5-2 fav); 2, Out Like Magic (10-1); 3, Lord Of Love (11-1). 10 ran. ¾l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £3.60, £4.00. DF: £21.90. Trio: £82.30. CSF: £26.66. Tricast: £221.02.

2.45 (1m 7f 195yd) 1, Rex Mundi (J F Egan, 8-11); 2, Here Comes Herbie (11-2); 3, Great Oration (8-1). Tribby 3-1 fav. 11 ran. Sh hd, ½l. P Evans. Tote: £9.60; £2.70, £1.70, £2.50. DF: £27.50. Trio: £88.60. CSF: £50.47. Tricast: £344.32.

3.15 (5f 16yd) 1, Tedburrow (D Griffiths, 10-1); 2, Bishops Court (9-4 fav); 3, Ziggy's Dancer (16-1). 9 ran. 1¾l, nk. E Alston. Tote: £11.80; £2.20, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £18.10. Trio: £59.50. CSF: £31.34.

3.50 (5f 16yd) 1, Huntswood (R Hughes, 15-8); 2, Take A Turn (7-4 fav); 3, Farndon Princess (7-1). 6 ran. 2l, 1¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.00; £2.10, £1.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.22.

4.25 (6f 18yd) 1, Islamabad (Paul Eddery, 8-11 fav. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Heavenly Abstone (10-1); 3, Jimmy Too (7-2). 6 ran. 1¾l, nk. G Lewis. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £2.80. DF: £5.30. CSF: £8.84.

4.55 (1m 2f 75yd) 1, Ambidextrous (J F Egan, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Keep Batting (10-1); 3, Mad Militant (9-2). Brandon Jack 11-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. E Alston. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £3.20. DF: £20.90. CSF: £29.93. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £44.80.

Quadpot: £10.20.

Lingfield Park

2.20 1, Labeq (5-1); 2, Rumuz (7-2); 3, Versatility (66-1). Ninth Chord 6-5 fav. 9 ran.

2.55 1, Cadsetta (20-1); 2, Mahboob (7-1); 3, Murmoon (14-1). Herminius 11-10 fav. 9 ran.

4.00 1, Cadeaux Tryst (3-1); 2, Tregaron (6-1); 3, Star Talent (13-2). Brave Kris 7-4 fav. 8 ran.

3.25 1, Master Mac (6-1); 2, Ivory's Joy (5-1); 3, Mamora Bay (8-1). Magic Rainbow 7-2 fav. 10 ran.

4.35 1, Papplett (4-1 fav); 2, Impulsif (12-1); 3, Ivory Dawn (16-1). 13 ran.

5.05 1, Melodica (9-4 fav); 2, Crystal Hills (10-1); 3, Seattle Art (3-1). 8 ran. NR: Henbury Princess.

Salisbury

2.15 1, Fakhr (2-1 fav); 2, Royal Bounty (11-2); 3, Chattan (10-1). 14 ran. NR: Thundering Papoose.

2.50 1, Tawafek (11-4); 2, Mighty Phantom (11-4); 3, Alanco (9-1). Charnwood Jack 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

3.20 1, Sword Arm (11-2); 2, Dulcinea (100-30 fav); 3, Begorrat (20-1). 11 ran. NR: Abajany, Interdream.

3.55 1, Credit Squeeze (20-1); 2, Fourdaned (6-1); 3, Rising Spray (9-1). Chris's Lad 9-2 fav. 15 ran.

4.30 1, Parisian Lady (7-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Silver Strand (9-2); 3, Robeena (3-1). 9 ran. NR: Phona Alex.

5.00 1, Meranti (7-1); 2, Erupt (10-1); 3, White Settler (14-1). Fairy Prince 5-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Sovereigns Court.

5.30 1, Docksider (10-1); 2, Night Shot (8-1); 3, Beneventus (12-1). Desert Arrow 7-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Lear Spear.

Southwell

6.45 1, Santella Boy (8-11 fav); 2, Rayman (12-1); 3, Hope Thatch (9-2). 11 ran.

7.15 1, Wise Advice (7-1); 2, Andreiot (11-4); 3, Sigma Run (6-1). Maggots Green 9-4 fav. 8 ran.

7.45 1, Bayerd (16-1); 2, Desert Force (3-1); 3, Hacketts Cross (6-1). Hello Me Man 9-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Out Ranking.

8.15 1, Ifeee (15-8 fav); 2, Bullens Bay (5-2); 3, Eskimo Kiss (9-1). 9 ran.

8.45 1, Caddy's First (16-1); 2, More Bills (20-1); 3, Battleship Bruce (8-1). Tango Man 5-2 fav. 13 ran.

9.15 1, Apachee Flower (5-1); 2, Scud Missile (6-4 fav); 3, Bright Sapphire (9-1). 6 ran.

Warwick

6.30 1, Fayrana (6-5 fav); 2, Universal Lady (9-2); 3, Sing For Me (33-1). 12 ran. NR: Amiasapphire.

7.00 1, Arzani (3-1 fav); 2, Foolish Flutter (10-1); 3, Runic Symbol (7-2). 10 ran.

7.30 1, Indigo Dawn (11-2); 2, Hillswick (16-1); 3, May King Mayhem (5-1). Schnozzle 4-1 fav. 12 ran.

8.00 1, River Tern (8-1); 2, Beau Venture (10-1); 3, Sharp Stock (20-1). Mullagh Hill Lad 11-4 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Forzara.

8.30 1, Sweet Fortune (11-4); 2, Jorrocks (4-1); 3, Awassi (9-1). Made Bold 5-2 fav. 13 ran.

9.00 1, Midyan Queen (20-1); 2, Secret Combe (14-1); 3, Caribbean Star (11-2). Farley Green 4-1 jt-fav. 12 ran.

Friday's details

Chester

6.30 1, Myttons Mistake (5-2 fav); 2, Silver Harrow (13-2); 3, Ballard Lady (7-1). 12 ran. NR: My Handsome Prince, Panther.

7.00 1, Nichol Fifty (7-1); 2, Slip Jig (6-1); 3, Arriving (2-1 fav). 6 ran.

7.30 (1m 4f 66yd) 1, Veridian (7-2); 2, Twilight Sleep (6-1); 3, Bardon Hill Boy (8-1). 7 ran. NR: Shaffishayes.

8.00 1, Yabint El Sultan (9-1); 2, Villarica (11-2); 3, Sceptre Lady (11-2). 5 ran. NR: Highly Respected.

8.30 1, The Gay Fox (7-1); 2, Polish Warrior (3-1 fav); 3, Swino (14-1). 8 ran. NR: Dancethenightaway.

9.00 1, Bright Water (5-2); 2, Maralingo (8-1); 3, Premier Bay (15-2). 6 ran.

Chepstow

6.40 1, With A Will (14-1); 2, Saratoga Red (7-1); 3, Kewarra (9-1). 11 ran.

7.10 1, Gold Lance (12-1); 2, Dr Woodstock (20-1); 3, Java Shrine (50-1); 4, Zahran (11-1). 19 ran. NR: Speedy Snaps Pride.

7.40 1, Graceful Lass (9-4); 2, Sausalito Bay (7-1); 3, Snow Partridge (5-1). 5 ran.

8.10 1, Mugello (7-4); 2, Tempus Fugit (3-1); 3, Alfighe (8-4 fav). 4 ran.

8.40 1, Dayville (7-1); 2, Chewit (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Mr Bergerac (11-2). 8 ran. NR: Rudi's Pet.

9.10 1, Glow Forum (7-2 fav); 2, Supermick (12-1); 3, Opera Buff (9-2). 10 ran.

Hamilton Park

6.50 (5f 4yd) 1, Pallium (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Bellbay Star (10-1); 3, Suedoro (16-1). Insider Trader 4-1 jt-fav. 10 ran.

7.20 1, Pierpoint (11-4); 2, Inchalong (11-4); 3, Miquelon (9-4 fav). 5 ran.

7.50 1, Paldost (33-1); 2, Fraostar (33-1); 3, Loading Princess (7-2). 11 ran.

8.20 1, Askern (3-1 fav); 2, Nobby Barnes (12-1); 3, Monte Cavo (7-1). 15 ran. NR: Leif The Lucky.

8.50 1, Urgent Reply (5-2); 2, Latvian (Evens fav); 3, Cois Na Farraige (6-1). 7 ran. NR: Monaco Gold.

9.20 1, Old Hush Wing (J Fortune, 13-2); 2, Logan (13-2); 3, Ballet De Cour (20-1). 8 ran. NR: Ardarroch Prince.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

2.00 Country Garden. 2.30 Moontabeh. 3.00 Kid Ory. 3.30 Princess Topaz. 4.00 Shashi. 4.30 Pearl Dawn. 5.00 Zorro. 5.30 French Mist.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.30 La Curamalal.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 HURST GREEN MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,277: 6f 189yd) (8 runners)

101	(4)	0	APPYABO 32 M Channon 8-9	P P Murphy (3)	–
102	(7)	0	TITAN 18 S Dow 8-8	T Quinn	–
103	(8)	000	LATIN BAY 20 P Harris 8-7	C Lowther (7)	76
104	(2)	332	COUNTRY GARDEN 37 (BF) R Hannon 8-5	R Perham	97
105	(5)		ANNA C Brittain 8-4	B Doyle	–
106	(6)	0R0	DISTINCTLY LILLIE 18 J S Moore 8-2	J F Egan	96
107	(1)	4654	MARI-ELA 6 J Arnold 8-2	J Quinn	97
108	(3)	26	BERMUDA TRIANGLE 34 M Haynes 7-13	Martin Dwyer (3)	[illegible]

11-10 Country Garden, 5-1 Mari-Ela, 6-1 Anna, Bermuda Triangle, 7-1 Appyabo, 12-1 Titan, 25-1 Latin Bay, 33-1 Distinctly Lillie.

2.30 E B F ASHFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,673: 6f) (14)

201	(13)		ACHILLES R Akehurst 9-0	T Quinn	–
202	(9)		CAPTIVE FACT Mrs A Perrett 9-0	K Fallon	–
203	(5)		CHIKAL B Palling 9-0	T Sprake	–
204	(2)	0	DIL B B Hanbury 9-0	J Stack	90
205	(7)	0	FACILE TIGRE 16 S Dow 9-0	W Ryan	76
206	(12)	555	HIGH MONEY 27 G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	89
207	(8)		MAGINOT D Loder 9-0	P McCabe (3)	–
208	(3)	23	MOONTABEH 15 (BF) P Walwyn 9-0	R Hills	94
209	(10)	30	NIGHT FLYER 7 (BF) J Hills 9-0	M Henry (3)	[illegible]
210	(14)	0	TASTE OF SUCCESS 21 P Harris 9-0	C Lowther (7)	–
211	(4)	0	TIGHTROPE 7 M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	–
212	(1)		ZIMZIE M Haynes 9-0	S Sanders	–
213	(6)		JARRAYAN W Hern 8-9	S Whitworth	–
214	(11)		PREMIER JET M Madgwick 8-9	N Varley	–

3-1 Maginot, 7-2 Moontabeh, 5-1 Night Flyer, 7-1 Dil, 10-1 High Money, Tightrope, Jarrayan, 16-1 others.

3.00 WESTENHANGER HANDICAP (£2,277: 6f) (15)

301	(7)	1115	BARBASON 41 (BF,F) G L Moore 5-10-0	Candy Morris	92
302	(6)	6310	SUMMERVILLE WOOD 83 (B,CD,F) P Mooney 3-9-9	W J O'Connor	90
303	(1)	550-	SUPREME THOUGHT 265 L Cottrell 5-9-7	S Sanders	90
304	(4)	1044	RESIST THE FORCE 30 (BF) C Cyzer 7-9-5	R Ffrench (5)	94
305	(2)	0432	DOUBLE OSCAR 7 (B,D,G) D Nicholls 4-8-12	Alex Greaves	98
306	(3)	0000	TYMEERA 20 (C,D,F,S) B Palling 4-8-10	T Sprake	95
307	(6)	6000	SHARP RETURN 11 (B,CD,S) M Ryan 3-8-8	G Bardwell	–
308	(17)	0010	ARNIE 11 (B,D,S) J Poulton 5-8-8	R Brisland (7)	96
309	(10)	0245	KID ORY 13 (B,BF,D,G,S) D Chapman 6-8-7	D Wright	97
310	(14)	6-06	WADERS DREAM 33 (V,CD,F) Pat Mitchell 8-8-7	M Fenton	90
311	(9)	0-00	BONSIEL 7 K Mahdi 3-8-3	Martin Dwyer (3)	88
312	(5)	4416	PRIORY GARDENS 19 (BF,D,G) J Bradley 3-8-3	G Duffield	[illegible]
313	(12)	0544	TACHYCARDIA 3 (D,F) R O'Sullivan 5-8-0	J Quinn	92
314	(13)	0000	JAAZIM 19 (D,F,G) M Madgwick 7-7-10	N Varley	90
315	(15)	0005	SEVERN MILL 31 J Bradley 6-7-10	D Williams (7)	93

4-1 Double Oscar, 11-2 Barbason, 13-2 Waders Dream, 7-1 Resist The Force, Priory Gardens, 8-1 Arnie, Kid Ory, Tachycardia, 12-1 others.

3.30 BROADSTAIRS LIMITED STAKES (£2,808: 1m 1f 149yd) (8)

401	(4)	/432	THE EXECUTOR 14 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 7-9-5	J Quinn	93
402	(1)	-621	SECRET BALLOT 9 (D,S) K Mahdi 3-8-10	R Ffrench (5)	92
403	(7)	0-86	BE TRUE 135 G L Moore 3-8-8	Candy Morris	79
404	(6)	2440	MANIKATO 18 D Cosgrove 3-8-8	C Rutter	98
405	(3)	005	PARDAN 35 B Palling 3-8-8	T Sprake	90
406	(2)	2230	REGAL REPRIMAND 28 G Lewis 3-8-8	Paul Eddery	98
407	(8)	060-	MARYTAVY 310 M Prescott 3-8-5	G Duffield	88
408	(5)	0000	PRINCESS TOPAZ 33 C Cyzer 3-8-5	T Quinn	[illegible]

3-1 Secret Ballot, 9-2 Regal Reprimand, 5-1 The Executor, Manikato, 6-1 Pardan, Marytavy, 10-1 Be True, Princess Topaz.

Blinkered first time

AYR: 2.45 Makahu Don. 3.15 Pension Fund, Storyteller. 4.45 Secret Service. FOLKESTONE: 4.30 Dorado Beach. WINDSOR: 7.00 Dooze, Ghorapani. 8.30 Mengaab. 9.00 Double Or Bust, Impy Fox. WOLVERHAMPTON: 8.15 Mutazz.

4.00 SEDLESCOMBE CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES (Div I: £1,927: 6f 189yd) (13)

501	(8)	5600	PAINT IT BLACK 30 (B,D,F,G) D Nicholls 4-9-6	Alex Greaves	85
502	(11)	4131	FEEL A LINE 12 (B,D,F,S) B Meehan 3-9-0	M Tebbutt	82
503	(7)	0450	JUBILEE SCHOLAR 98 G L Moore 4-9-0	Candy Morris	94
504	(4)	4063	MOVE SMARTLY 7 (V,D,F) Mrs L Stubbs 7-9-0	P Roberts (5)	88
505	(5)	0100	ABTAAL 5 (D,F,G) R Hodges 7-8-12	R Perham	91
506	(6)	0060	LITTLE PILGRIM 10 T Jones 4-8-12	A McGlone	63
507	(10)	0030	SHASHI 18 (F) Pat Mitchell 5-8-11	P Bloomfield	[illegible]
508	(9)	0-00	SMILING BESS 16 J King 4-8-11	Paul Eddery	–
509	(1)	500-	SUPER SCRAVELS 268 K Mahdi 3-8-11	R Ffrench (5)	84
510	(3)	0006	KOMODO 47 J Long 5-8-8	Leesa Long	69
511	(2)	0250	LADYBOWER 12 J Poulton 5-8-8	N Varley	77
512	(12)	0300	HEVER GOLF STORMER 56 B Pearce 3-8-6	C Lowther (7)	86
513	(13)	4034	PRINCE OF FORTUNE 21 M Blanshard 3-8-6	N Adams	87

4-1 Feel A Line, 5-1 Paint It Black, 11-2 Prince Of Fortune, 6-1 Shashi, 13-2 Abtaal, 8-1 Jubilee Scholar, Move Smartly, 12-1 others.

4.30 SEDLESCOMBE CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES (Div II: £1,927: 6f 189yd) (13)

601	(6)	0000	RAWI 30 (B,D) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-2	R Ffrench (5)	85
602	(1)	4250	LANCASHIRE LEGEND 40 (D) S Dow 4-9-0	J F Egan	90
603	(13)	0050	HAWAII STORM 16 (D,S) D Ffrench Davis 9-8-10	Kerry Baker (7)	90
604	(12)	0000	DORADO BEACH 18 (V) L Cottrell 3-8-9	N Carlisle	–
605	(5)	0506	PEARL DAWN 30 (F,G) P Clarke 7-8-9	M Fenton	95
606	(11)	6/0-	PRINCESS RENATA 438 Pat Mitchell 4-8-9	A Munro	–
607	(2)	0025	SERAPE 14 Mrs L Stubbs 4-8-9	D Wright	93
608	(9)	0000	MUBARIZ 15 C Smith 5-8-8	G Duffield	93
609	(3)	0020	OKAY BABY 26 (F) J Bradley 5-8-7	T Sprake	77
610	(7)	0600	SHERWOOD 12 K Ivory 4-8-5	S Sanders	81
611	(8)	-050	SANDWELD 16 C Dwyer 3-8-2	N Varley	[illegible]
612	(4)	3433	WINDBORN 12 C Allen 3-7-13	Martin Dwyer (3)	96
613	(10)	50-0	JILLY WOO 16 D Elsworth 3-7-11	J Fowle (7)	90

9-2 Jilly Woo, 5-1 Rawi, Windborn, 11-2 Lancashire Legend, 7-1 Serape, 8-1 Hawaii Storm, Sandweld, 10-1 others.

5.00 ROBERTSBRIDGE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,018: 1m 4f) (6)

1	(3)	4654	TELLION 9 W Hern 9-7	T Sprake	97
2	(4)	-031	STAHR 12 (B,CD,S) H Candy 9-6	C Rutter	[illegible]
3	(2)	6-00	TROOPER 44 R Akehurst 9-4	S Sanders	91
4	(5)	0180	ZORRO 3 (BF,F) R Flower 8-11	G Hind	98
5	(6)	4000	PERLETHORPE 9 M Bell 8-11	M Fenton	90
6	(1)	0624	KEEPSAKE 21 M Usher 8-3	R Street	98

9-4 Stahr, 7-2 Tellion, 4-1 Keepsake, 5-1 Zorro, 6-1 Trooper, 8-1 Perlethorpe

5.30 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICES MAIDEN STAKES (£2,577: 1m 4f) (4)

1	(2)	32-3	KING KATO 78 Mrs A Perrett 4-9-7	Gaye Harwood (3)	[illegible]
2	(4)	0-05	TRIBAL MOON 10 Lady Herries 4-9-7	P Doe (3)	74
3	(3)	0626	FRENCH MIST 12 S Dow 3-8-3	D Salt (7)	89
4	(1)	0-63	LA CURAMALAL 37 G Wragg 3-8-3	G Milligan	98

6-4 La Curamalal, 13-8 King Kato, 3-1 French Mist, 8-1 Tribal Moon.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 7 winners from 24 runners, 29.2%; M Prescott, 11 from 46, 23.9%; B Palling, 4 from 20, 20.0%; P Walwyn, 6 from 30, 20.0%; R Akehurst, 16 from 90, 17.8%; M Channon, 14 from 93, 15.1%.

JOCKEYS: Gaye Harwood, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; A Munro, 7 from 30, 23.3%; Paul Eddery, 17 from 94, 18.1%; G Duffield, 19 from 107, 17.8%; T Sprake, 12 from 68, 17.6%; J Stack, 3 from 17, 17.6%; T Quinn, 18 from 118, 15.3%.

☐ Pasternak has the Cambridgeshire Handicap at Newmarket among his long-term options after winning the John Smith's Magnet Cup at York on Saturday. The four-year-old's trainer, Sir Mark Prescott, won the first leg of the autumn double in 1988 with Quinlan Terry.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: THE DILETTANTI
(7.30 Windsor)
Next best: Sharp 'N' Shady
(8.00 Windsor)

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

6.45 Ordog Mor. 7.15 Final Pride. 7.45 Wilkins. 8.15 Tango Man. 8.45 Chocolate Ice. 9.15 Red Light.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.45 RASPBERRY NOVICES CHASE (£3,260: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

SKY

1	-115	ORDOG MOR 15 (D,F,G) M Meagher 8-11-12	A P McCoy
2	64-4	HUGH DANIELS 16 (G) C Hemsley 9-10-12	Miss A Dudley (7)
3	0/60	TAYLORS HIGHFLYER 5 R J Price 6-10-12	T J Murphy
4	22P-	THE YOKEL 44 (B) B Baugh 11-10-12	P Henley (3)
5	0-4P	ITSGONNASHINE 30 P Bowen 8-10-7	R Johnson
6	33-0	MISS SOUTER 26 (F,S) H Howe 8-10-7	B Powell
7	P0-0	WOODLANDS ENERGY 20F P Pritchard 6-10-7	C Llewellyn

4-5 Ordog Mor, 7-2 The Yokel, 6-1 Hugh Daniels, Miss Souter, 10-1 Taylors Highflyer, Itsgonnashine, 20-1 Woodlands Energy

7.15 STRAWBERRY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,806: 3m 1f) (4)

SKY

1	12-1	FINAL PRIDE 5 (F,G,S) P Bowen 11-12-2 (6ex)	R Johnson
2	P-5P	TEMPLE GARTH 23 (D,F,G,S) P Beaumont 8-11-8	R Supple
3	-51P	WALLS COURT 5 (F,G) J Birkett 10-10-9	M Moloney
4	6-46	FRONTIER FLIGHT 23 (B,F,G) Miss L Siddall 7-10-6	E Husband (3)

1-2 Final Pride, 9-2 Walls Court, 11-2 Temple Garth, 7-1 Frontier Flight.

7.45 RED CURRANT CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,987: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

SKY

1	30F-	OUT RANKING 68 (D,F,G,S) J Neville 5-11-3	A P McCoy
2	46-P	WILKINS 23 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-11-2	M A Fitzgerald
3	3-24	ILEWIN 17 (D,F,G,S) P Rachers 10-10-13	M Ahern
4	140/	REACH FOR GLORY 427 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 8-10-13	R Dunwoody
5	P04-	HALHAM TARN 98 (S) H Manners 7-10-10	A Dowling (7)
6	0	FLICKERING LIGHT 31 P Beaumont 6-10-8	R Supple
7	500-	LONGCROFT 21F (D,G) C Popham 5-10-5	R Farrant

11-4 Out Ranking, 3-1 Longcroft, 4-1 Ilewin, 11-2 Wilkins, 7-1 Reach For Glory, 8-1 Halham Tarn, Flickering Light.

8.15 BLACKCURRANT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,238: 2m) (4)

SKY

1	54-0	MUTAZZ 37 (B,D,F,G) W Hern 5-12-0	R Farrant
2	3-13	BIGWHEEL BILL 16 (V,BF,D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 8-11-5	A Maguire
3	0-40	TANGO MAN 2 (BF,D,F) J O'Shea 5-10-6	A P McCoy
4	000-	FLY TO THE END 73 (D,F,S) J J Quinn 7-10-5	L Wyer

11-10 Bigwheel Bill, 3-1 Mutazz, 7-2 Tango Man, 5-1 Fly To The End.

8.45 GOOSEBERRY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,847: 2m) (12)

1	6/P/	ARABOYBILL 41F J Neville 6-10-12	R Johnson
2	0/P/	DALLAI 14F G Kelly 6-10-12	L Wyer
3	5U5-	NASHAAT 49 K Burke 9-10-12	A P McCoy
4	01-F	BRIGHT ECLIPSE 23 (V,D,F) J O'Shea 4-10-9	Michael Brennan (3)
5	2-	CHOCOLATE ICE 10F R O'Sullivan 4-10-9	M A Fitzgerald
6	505-	COLEBROOK WILLIE 229 D Lloyd 4-10-9	D J Burchell
7	00-0	COMMUNITY SERVICE 15 J Norton 6-10-7	J Supple (3)
8	66P-	DULA MODEL 61P A Barrow 9-10-7	Mr G McPhail (7)
9	0/0-	ROSALEE ROYALE 20F John Berry 5-10-7	B Fenton
10	55-0	SUMMER VILLA 26 (B) K Wingrove 5-10-7	J Ryan
11		KULEPOPSIE 178F A Mulholland 4-10-4	R Supple
12		MAGIC MELODY 14F J Spearing 4-10-4	T J Murphy

2-1 Nashaat, 5-1 Summer Villa, 6-1 Bright Eclipse, Chocolate Ice, 10-1 Colebrook Willie, Community Service, Magic Melody, 16-1 others

9.15 BLACKBERRY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,238: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1	20-4	SUVALU 15 M Meagher 5-11-10	M A Fitzgerald
2	2-14	RED LIGHT 16 (B,G) J Jenkins 5-11-8	A P McCoy
3	/P0-	FAME AND FANTASY 45 (F) N Chance 6-10-12	R Johnson
4	0-P4	MEADOWLECK 23 W Young 8-10-0	S Taylor (5)

10-11 Suvalu, 5-4 Red Light, 10-1 Fame And Fantasy, 16-1 Meadowleck.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: No qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: M A Fitzgerald, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; R Dunwoody, 4 from 15, 26.7%. Only qualifiers.

☐ Trainer Peter Bowen plans to give Stately Home, the winner of ten steeplechases last season, a run on the Flat before going for the Galway Plate next month.

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THUNDERER

2.15 Child Prodigy
2.45 THE RICH MAN (nap)
3.15 C-Harry
3.45 Mejal
4.15 Blessingindisguise
4.45 Florentino

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.15 CHILD PRODIGY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 GUESSTIMATION (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 E B F MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,571: 6f) (8 runners)

1	(3)	2423	HAPPY DAYS 37 (BF) (J Barratt) D Moffatt 9-0	Darren Moffatt (3)	78
2	(5)	3	BOULEVARD ROUGE 24 (K Hodgson) M Johnston 8-9	J Weaver	86
3	(2)	30	CHILD PRODIGY 26 (R Sangster) J Watts 8-9	J Carroll	[illegible]
4	(6)		MISS VIVIEN (Lostford Manor Stud) Miss L Perratt 8-9	N Kennedy	–
5	(1)	5	PLEASANT DREAMS 45 (J Blair) D Smith 8-9	F Lynch	69
6	(4)	4	SELKIRK ROSE 54 (J McLaren) Miss L Perratt 8-9	K Darley	86
7	(8)	05	SHALYAH 33 (J Abell) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	J Fortune	79
8	(7)	3	SHIFTING 15 (G Reed) C Thornton 8-9	D McKeown	81

BETTING: 6-4 Child Prodigy, 4-1 Boulevard Rouge, 5-1 Shifting, 6-1 Happy Days, 8-1 Shalyah, 10-1 Selkirk Rose, 12-1 Pleasant Dreams, 25-1 Miss Vivien

1996: THE LAMBTON WORM 9-0 K Fallon (5-4) D Smith 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAPPY DAYS 4½l 3rd of 5 to Rejected in maiden at Haydock (5f, good to firm). BOULEVARD ROUGE 5½l 3rd of 9 to Quezzie in maiden at Redcar (5f, good). CHILD PRODIGY 5½l 7th of 18 to Nadwah in group III Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot (5f, good to firm). PLEASANT DREAMS 8¾l 5th of 7 to Reap Rewards in auction maiden at Ayr (6f, good to firm). SELKIRK ROSE 3¾l 4th of 7 to Heavenly Abstone in novice race here (5f, soft). SHIFTING about 3¼l 3rd of 4 to Tagasur in novice race at Doncaster (6f, good to soft).
Selection: CHILD PRODIGY (nap)

2.45 CRAIGIE STAND NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,513: 7f) (7 runners)

1	(1)	2365011	FLOWER O'CANNIE 9 (D,S) (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 9-7	G Parkin (3)	[illegible]
2	(3)	212	JACMAR 21 (BF,F) (J Marett) Miss L Perratt 9-0	J Fortune	97
3	(7)	3331	THE RICH MAN 14 (S) (Marston Stud) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	95
4	(5)	003	FALKENBERG 14 (B Yeardley Continental) M Johnston 8-9	J Weaver	90
5	(4)	61224	MAKAHU DON 17 (B,F) (Dialemyse Racing) W Kemp 7-10	P Fessey (3)	95
6	(2)	66454	MARSKE MACHINE 19 (Marske Machine Co) N Tinkler 7-10	N Kennedy	90
7	(6)	0063	ELLENBER 13 (Mrs L McKeown) W McKeown 7-10	L Charnock	89

Long handicap: Makahu Don 7-9, Marske Machine 7-8, Ellenber 7-5.

BETTING: 9-4 The Rich Man, 3-1 Flower O'Cannie, 4-1 Jacmar, 7-1 Falkenberg, Makahu Don, 8-1 Marske Machine, 10-1 Ellenber.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FLOWER O'CANNIE beat Starmaker 2½l in 7-runner novice race at Beverley (7f 100yd, heavy). JACMAR 1l 2nd of 6 to Bozz in auction novice at Musselburgh (7f, good to soft). THE RICH MAN beat Cumbrian Caruso ¼l in 5-runner conditions race at Pontefract (6f, soft). FALKENBERG 6¾l 3rd of 7 to Prose in maiden at Southwell (AW, 7f). MAKAHU DON 1¾l 2nd of 4 to Ellenbrook in claimer at Musselburgh (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. ELLENBER 3¼l 3rd of 9 to Fast Franc in seller at Hamilton (6f, good to soft).
Selection: FALKENBERG

3.15 PRINCESS ROYAL STAND HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,900: 7f) (11 runners)

1	(6)	0000220	PENSION FUND 15 (B,D,F) (S Curtis) M W Easterby 9-7	T Lucas	94
2	(1)	31-0060	BIFF-EM 13 (G) (Cree Lodge Racing) Miss L Perratt 8-13	J Weaver	90
3	(11)	6550322	C-HARRY 31 (BF,D,S) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 8-12	F Lynch	97
4	(2)	-300603	WAGGA MOON 9 (C Stevens) J J O'Neill 8-11	L Charnock	[illegible]
5	(8)	0420013	NAIVASHA 7 (G) (Mrs J Hobby) J Berry 8-8	P Fessey (3)	95
6	(9)	5645	STORYTELLER 18 (V) (P Green) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	J Fortune	97
7	(7)	060-003	BEAU ROBERTO 33 (J Armstrong) J Goldie 8-1	T Williams	95
8	(5)	2155-00	TAZIBARI 11 (S) (Cowga Partners) D Moffatt 8-0	Darren Moffatt (3)	83
9	(10)	5000663	HI MUJTAHID 11 (W Imison) S Kettlewell 7-10	N Kennedy	98
10	(3)	000-000	CHANSON D'AMOUR 7 (V) (B Stewart) Miss L Perratt 7-10	J McAuley (7)	89
11	(4)	60-4000	ALISADARA 21 (G Allison) N Bycroft 7-10	R Winston (7)	92

Long handicap: Chanson D'Amour 7-2, Alisadara 6-13.

BETTING: 7-2 C-Harry, 4-1 Naivasha, 5-1 Pension Fund, 6-1 Hi Mujtahid, 7-1 Beau Roberto, 8-1 Wagga Moon, Storyteller, 16-1 others.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PENSION FUND best effort neck 2nd of 6 to Captain Carparts in handicap at Carlisle (1m, good) on penultimate start, with STORYTELLER (5lb better off) about 14l 5th. C-HARRY 2½l 2nd of 8 to Ivory Dawn in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). WAGGA MOON about ½l 3rd of 6 to Watch The Fire in conditions race at Carlisle (6f, good). NAIVASHA best effort beat Robbo neck in 5-runner conditions race at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. BEAU ROBERTO 8¾l 3rd of 11 to Zorba in seller at Hamilton (1m 1f, good). HI MUJTAHID about 3½l 3rd of 13 to Three For A Pound in handicap at Catterick (7f, soft) with WAGGA MOON (12lb worse off) 23l 10th and TAZIBARI (4lb better off) 46l last.
Selection: PENSION FUND

3.45 CAMERON LODGE SELLING STAKES (£2,472: 1m 2f 192yd) (11 runners)

1	(6)	0-00210	TRYING TIMES 13 (S) (Mrs C Deuters) J Berry 4-9-12	T E Durcan (5)	83
2	(7)	-205310	DIAMOND CROWN 7 (F,G) (J Pickup) M Wane 6-9-5	A Whelan (3)	84
3	(4)	05-60	FIZZY BOY 14 (P Monteith) P Monteith 4-9-5	O Pears	–
4	(8)	-006312	GUESSTIMATION 7 (BF,D,F,G,S) (Exclusive Two) J Pearce 8-9-5	C Teague (3)	[illegible]
5	(5)	04-4005	KNAVE 7 (P Monteith) P Monteith 4-9-5	R Winston (7)	81
6	(10)	/00-625	MAJAL 21 (F) (Mrs P Wake) J Wainwright 8-9-5	Dean McKeown	84
7	(1)	0500420	MILETRIAN CITY 18 (B,F) (T Finch) Miss L Perratt 4-9-5	J Weaver	86
8	(9)	00-5000	SHAMOKIN 23 (Marson Investments) F Watson 5-9-5	P Fessey (3)	65
9	(11)	20/0-56	THISONESFORALICE 15 (F,S) (Mrs A Goldie) J Goldie 9-9-5	T Williams	70
10	(3)	0-00004	MYSTIC TIMES 7 (F) (C Bamfather) B Mactaggart 4-9-0	K Sked (5)	71
11	(2)	46	RIBBONLETTA 3 (Mrs A Russell) Miss L Perratt 3-8-2	N Kennedy	–

BETTING: 9-4 Guesstimation, 4-1 Trying Times, Miletrian City, 6-1 Diamond Crown, 8-1 Majal, 12-1 Knave, Mystic Times, 16-1 others

1996: HAWWAM 10-9-5 J Lowe (25-1) E Alston 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRYING TIMES best effort beat Katie Komaite 2l in 11-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, soft) on penultimate start.
DIAMOND CROWN best effort beat Arzani ½l in 17-runner selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. GUESSTIMATION best effort beat Bluebell Miss head in 13-runner seller at Warwick (1m 3f, good) on penultimate start. MILETRIAN CITY best effort head 2nd of 12 to Running Green in selling handicap at Ayr (1m, good) on penultimate start. MYSTIC TIMES 5¼l 4th of 11 to Dee Pee Tee Cee in handicap at Musselburgh (1m, good). RIBBONLETTA 11l 6th of 7 to Urgent Reply in claimer at Hamilton (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: GUESSTIMATION

4.15 WESTERN HOUSE HANDICAP (£5,121: 5f) (9 runners)

1	(9)	1611125	SQUIRE CORRIE 3 (V,CD,F,G,S) (N Tinsiger) D Chapman 5-10-0	A Culhane	94
2	(2)	2210121	BLESSINGINDISGUISE 10 (B,D,F,G) (A Black) M W Easterby 4-9-4	T Lucas	96
3	(3)	0233004	JUST BOB 9 (CD,F,G,S) (J Fotherby) S Kettlewell 8-8-9	J Fortune	[illegible]
4	(1)	0-00015	ROYAL DOME 6 (BF,D,F,G) (G Jones) M Wane 5-8-9	A Whelan (3)	94
5	(8)	0-50000	DON'T CARE 30 (B,D,F,G,S) (C McLaren) Miss L Perratt 6-8-7	T E Durcan (5)	95
6	(5)	2100262	MANOLO 6 (B,D,F) (Lucayan Stud) J Berry 4-8-5	P Fessey (3)	97
7	(4)	405004	JOHAYRO 24 (D,F,G) (F Brady) J Goldie 4-8-1	R Winston (7)	97
8	(6)	0-00060	CROSS THE BORDER 10 (D,F) (P Savill) D Nicholls 4-7-10	L Charnock	90
9	(7)	0100320	RICH GLOW 6 (CD,F,G,S) (M Balcson) N Bycroft 6-7-10	N Kennedy	96

Long handicap: Rich Glow 7-9.

BETTING: 5-2 Blessingindisguise, 5-1 Squire Corrie, Royal Dome, 6-1 Manolo, 7-1 Rich Glow, 8-1 Just Bob, Johayro, Cross The Border, 33-1 Don't Care

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SQUIRE CORRIE about 3¼l 5th of 14 to Dashing Blue in handicap at York (5f, good). BLESSINGINDISGUISE beat RICH GLOW (9lb better off) head in 9-runner handicap at Haydock (5f, good) with CROSS THE BORDER (14lb better off) 4l 7th. JUST BOB about 3l 4th of 8 to Tropical Beach in handicap at Carlisle (5f, good). ROYAL DOME best effort beat Bowlers Boy head in 10-runner conditions race at Pontefract (5f, good) on penultimate start. MANOLO short-head 2nd of 18 to Gorse Sauage in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good) with ROYAL DOME (7lb better off) about ½l 5th and RICH GLOW (6lb better off) 2l 8th.
Selection: SQUIRE CORRIE

4.45 BREATH OF FRESH AYR LIMITED STAKES (£3,079: 1m 5f 13yd) (4 runners)

1	(1)	6-02531	FLORENTINO 6 (F,G) (Lady Harrison) B Hills 4-9-10	M Hills	95
2	(2)	2302520	NOUFARI 16 (E Weetman) R Hollinshead 6-9-8	F Lynch	97
3	(4)	500-344	SECRET SERVICE 23 (B,F) (G Reed) C Thornton 5-9-8	D McKeown	95
4	(3)	0-05200	SAD MAD BAD 20 (S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-6	K Darley	[illegible]

BETTING: 11-10 Florentino, 11-4 Secret Service, 9-2 Noufari, 5-1 Sad Mad Bad.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FLORENTINO beat Nichol Fifty 1½l in conditions race at Pontefract (1m 2f, good). NOUFARI best effort 2l 2nd of 5 to Embryonic in handicap at Newcastle (2m, firm) on penultimate start. SECRET SERVICE best effort a neck and two heads 4th of 10 to Express Gift in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SAD MAD BAD 1¼l 2nd of 8 to Ramile in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to soft).
Selection: FLORENTINO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
B Hills	19	53	35.8	K Darley	35	167	21.0
S Kettlewell	9	33	27.3	M Hills	6	30	20.0
Mrs M Reveley	16	95	16.8	J Weaver	26	135	19.3
Mrs J Ramsden	10	61	16.4	Darren Moffatt	7	53	13.2
N Tinkler	4	26	15.4	A Culhane	7	58	12.1
M Johnston	20	139	14.4	J Carroll	16	135	11.9

FLAT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stake
M Johnston	65	69	45	1	-42.43
J Berry	55	48	41	2	-72.53
R Hannon	46	55	49	1	-275.76
M Stoute	45	32	31	1	+4.04

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stake
K Fallon	95	71	52	1	+110.55
L Dettori	82	64	52	3	-40.59
Pat Eddery	79	59	35	6	-112.88
J Weaver	63	58	42	5	-19.51

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AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Sydney 11 13 (79) bt Essendon 11.12 (78); Richmond 22.13 (145) bt Hawthorn 10.9 (69); West Coast 12.13 (85) bt Port Adelaide 9.13 (67); Adelaide 10.16 (76) bt St Kilda 9 12 (66); Melbourne 18.11 (119) bt Carlton 15.19 (109); Brisbane 21.11 (137) bt Western Bulldogs 11.7 (73); Collingwood 25 10 (160) bt Fremantle 9.6 (60); Geelong 15.12 (102) bt North Melbourne 14 8 (92).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago Cubs 7 St Louis 1; Florida 3 Philadelphia 13; Cincinnati 2 Montreal 5; Pittsburgh 0 Houston 10; Atlanta 7 New York Mets 5; Colorado 8 San Diego 5 (11inns); Los Angeles 6 San Francisco 2. Saturday: Atlanta 7 New York Mets 4; Chicago Cubs 1 St Louis 2 (12inns). Colorado 7 San Diego 11; Cincinnati 4 Montreal 3; Pittsburgh 3 Houston 0 (10inns); Los Angeles 5 San Francisco 8. Postponed: Florida v Philadelphia.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	58	32	.644	—
Florida	51	37	.580	6
NY Mets	50	39	.562	7½
Montreal	48	40	.545	9
Philadelphia	25	62	.287	31½

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	45	46	.495	—
Pittsburgh	44	45	.494	—
St Louis	43	46	.483	1
Cincinnati	39	49	.443	4½
Chicago Cubs	38	52	.422	6½

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	52	38	.578	—
Los Angeles	47	43	.522	5
Colorado	44	47	.484	8½
San Diego	40	50	.444	12

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston 4 Toronto 8; Baltimore 1 Milwaukee 3; New York Yankees 3 Detroit 0; Kansas City 2 Chicago White Sox 6; Minnesota 1 Cleveland 5; Seattle 8 Texas 7; Oakland 4 Anaheim 14. Saturday: New York Yankees 6 Detroit 2; Oakland 3 Anaheim 6; Seattle 2 Texas 9; Boston 1 Toronto 3; Baltimore 2 Milwaukee 3; Kansas City 7 Chicago White Sox 11; Minnesota 2 Cleveland 7.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	55	32	.632	—
NY Yankees	51	37	.580	4½
Toronto	42	44	.488	12½
Detroit	41	47	.466	14½
Boston	39	50	.438	17

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	46	37	.554	—
Chicago WS	46	42	.523	2½
Milwaukee	41	44	.482	6
Minnesota	38	50	.432	10½
Kansas City	35	49	.424	11

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	51	39	.567	—
Anaheim	47	42	.528	3½
Texas	44	44	.500	6
Oakland	37	55	.402	15

BOWLS

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Berkshire 139 Devon 120; Herefordshire 100 Gloucestershire 140.

MURAS CUP: Durham 92 Cumbria 139. Northumberland 126 Lancashire 108.

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Middlesex 114 Kent 116; Oxfordshire 119 Surrey 126.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Hertfordshire 119 Norfolk 97; Suffolk 136 Essex 97.

BOXING

LAKE TAHOE, Nevada: World Boxing Council Heavyweight championship: L Lewis (GB, holder) bt H Akinwande (GB) disq 5th.

KENSINGTON OLYMPIA: European super-bantamweight championship: S Oliver (Finchley) bt S Poilbian (Fr) pts. **World Boxing Council international super-bantamweight championship:** P Mullings (Harrow) bt F Leroy (Fr) rsc 1st. **WBC international super-middleweight championship:** H Graham (Sheffield) bt C Johnson (Can) rsc 8th. **International Boxing Federation inter-continental middleweight championship:** Y Eprlantsev (Russ) bt G Jacobs (Glasgow) pts. **European heavyweight championship:** Z Mavrovic (Cro) bt L Eros (Hun) rsc 5th. **Heavyweight (6rnds):** M Tait (Harrow) bt L Bird (Chesterfield) pts. **Light-heavyweight (6rnds):** M Beyer (Ger) bt S Andrews (Plymouth) rsc 5th; (8rnds): O Klementsen (Nor) bt R Camlin (US) rsc 3rd. **Super-middleweight (4rnds).** M Wright (Stevenage) bt M Jolley (Alfreton) rsc 1st. **Lightweight (4rnds):** B Kelly (Olympia) bt D Lutaaya (Canning Town) pts. **Featherweight (4rnds):** T Adams (Basildon) drew with I Sebaduka (Brixton).

BILOXI, Mississippi: Heavyweight bout: K Johnson (Can) bt L Monaco (US) rsc 7th. **Super-featherweight bout:** F Mayweather (US) bt J Chavez (Mex) rsc 5th.

CYCLING

BOELANDS FARM HILL: Army festival: Inter-Services hill climb championship (650 yards): 1, Lt T David (Royal Marines) 1min 25sec; 2, L/Cpl A Urquhart (Army CU) 1:26. 3, CPO A Gale (Royal Navy) 1 31. **Team:** Royal Navy. **Army championship** (10 miles) 1, L/Cpl K Murray (RE) 20min 25sec; 2, Sgt D Clarke (REME) 21 10; 3, WO2 P Haggerty (REME) 21 38. **Inter-Services 25-miles championship:** 1, L/Cpl K Murray (RE) 53min 51sec (championship record); 2, PO R Wilson (Royal Navy) 54 18; 3, F/O R Berry (RAF) 54:21. **Team:** Army CU 2hr 35min 53sec (championship record).

TIME TRIALS: RTTC 100-kilometre team championship (Tedburn St Mary, Devon): 1, North Wirral Velo (M Bottrill, B Harwood, J Ramsbottom, C Newton) 2hr 11min 56sec; 2, Adidas-SciCon (P West, A Wilkinson, P Manning, G Holmes) 2:12.30; 3, Team Clean (S Yates, T Stevens, D Redding, A Stapleton) 2 12 40. **Welsh CA open 50-mile championship** (Raglan): 1, C Pritchard (Condor Cycles RT) 1hr 51min 44sec (course record); 2, S Howells (Cornum CC) 1.53.10; 3, M Biggs (Venom RT) 1 53 32. **Team:** Harlech Wheelers 5 53 03. **Other trials: Winners:** Norlond Combine (Tempsford, Bedfordshire, 100 miles): I Butcher (Team Sanjan Design) 3hr 45min 44sec. **Essex RCC** (Hatfield Peverel, 100 miles): M Whitehead (VC Deal) 3hr 51min 37sec. **Preston Wheelers** (Garstang, 50 miles): G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 1hr 45min 30sec (course and event record). **Dundee CA** (Dundee-Perth, 50 miles): D Gibson (GS Modena) 1hr 45min 56sec. **Macclesfield Wheelers** (Cranage, Cheshire, 50 miles): N Giles (Radford Accountants) 1hr 52min 43sec. **Rockingham CC** (Blyth, North Nottinghamshire, 25 miles): G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 51min 01sec (event record). **Hantspol CC** (Sutton Scotney, near Winchester, 25 miles): G Longland (Radford Accountants) 52min 36sec. **East Bradford CC** (Boroughbridge, 25 miles): H Walker (GS Metro) 52min 52sec (course record). **Norfolk RC** (Dereham-Norwich, 25 miles): M Pyne (Leo RC) 53min 05sec. **Yeovil CC** (Ilchester, Somerset, 25 miles). C O'Neil (Camel Valley CC) 54min 34sec. **Southport CC** (Tarleton, 25 miles): R Warrington (Team Lusso) 56min 11sec. **Southborough and District Wheelers** (New Romney, Kent, 25 miles). P Woodman (Team 2000) 56min 23sec. **Rockwell GS** (Cockerham, Lancashire, 13 miles): M Evans (Barrow Central Wheelers) 30min 23sec. **Venom RT** (Wythall, near Redditch, 10 miles): S Dangerfield (Wheelbase CC) 20min 05sec. **Bognor RC** (Fontwell, 10 miles) S Faulkner (Lewes Wanderers) 21min 15sec.

ROAD RACES: Tour of Hertfordshire (Welwyn, 91 miles): 1, M Beckett (Cardiff JIF) 3hr 34min 0sec; 2, J Bayfield (Controlware); 3, A Hardy (Letchworth Velo) all same time. **Weaver Valley CC** (Weaverham, Cheshire, 82 miles): 1, M Jones (Paramount CRT) 3hr 09min 12sec; 2, A Mills (Kirkby CC); 3, S. Ramsay (Deeside-Cannondale) all same time.

MOUNTAIN BIKES: Sams (Southern Area) series (fourth round, Checkendon, near Reading, 25 miles): **Men:** 1, B Clarke (Team Raleigh) 1hr 51min 48sec. 2, C Sturgeon (Team Orange) at 1sec. 3, P Lasunby (Mercedes-Marin) at 2sec. **Women** (20 miles) J Copnall (Bikeparx-Raleigh) 1:47.20. **Next Welsh series** (fourth round, Rhondda Heritage Centre, 30 miles) 1, I Jeremiah (Cardiff JIF) 2hr 11min 48sec. 2, J Williams (CC Abergavenny) at 3 51. 2, A Smith (Giant) at 1 lap. **Final overall positions:** I Jeremiah. **Women.** R Pickett (Peugeot-MI Racing).

TRACK: Bec CC international meeting (Herne Hill, London): **Sprint:** 1, L-B Neilsen (Den). 2, C MacLean (Scot). 3, B Dandanell (Den). **Last 200m:** 11 41sec. **40-lap scratch:** 1, B Dandanell; 2, R Williams (Team Ambrosia); 3, J Nunan (Aus) 22min 16 35sec. **Olympic sprint:** 1, Denmark (Dandanell, D Askerstrom, Nielsen) 45 04sec. 2, Glendene CC 45 14. 3, Breton Cycles 46 25. **Team pursuit:** 1, England (M Illingworth, C Ball, A Dallison, J Taylor) caught Scotland (N Walker, R Chapman, S McWilliam, A Wright) in 4min 43 0sec. **Eight-lap pursuit:** 1, C Ball (Harlow CC) 4.27.80; 2, McWilliam 4 36 44. 3, A Saunders (Harlow CC) 4.44 40. **Madison pursuit:** 1, J-M Monin (Fr) and R Williams; 2, G Newton and W Wright (Atom Elite). 3, B Fleming and P Swettenham (Cannons Sports Clubs). **25-lap points:** 1, R Williams 18pts. 2, A Gibb (Condor Cycles) 14. 3, Monin 7. **Devil:** 1, P Jacques (City of Edinburgh RC); 2, Gibb; 3, J Calhoun (Aus). **10km scratch:** 1, B Wiggins (Condor Cycles). 2, Illingworth. 3, Gibb.

FOOTBALL

INTERTOTO CUP: Group one: Aalborg (Den) 2 Dynamo Minsk (Belar) 1; SV Duisburg (Ger) 2 Heerenveen (Holl) 0. **Group two:** Casino Graz (Austria) 1 Hrvatski Dragovoljac (Cro) 2. **Group three:** Lausanne (Switz) 6 Ards (N Ire) 0; Auxerre (Fr) 5 Royal Antwerp (Bel) 0. **Group four:** Cork City (Ire) 0 Cologne (Ger) 2. **Group five:** Dynamo Moscow (Russ) 3 Genk (Bel) 2; Panachaiki (Gr) 4 Bottelagid (Faeroe Is) 2. **Group six:** Samsunspor (Tur) 3 Idrottafelagid Leiftur (Ice) 0. **Group seven:** Osters (Swe) 2 Universitate Riga (Lat) 1; Werder Bremen (Ger) 0 Istanbulspor (Tur) 0. **Group eight:** Hajduk Rodic (Yug) 2 Kongsvinger (Nor) 0, Turku Palloseura (Fin) 1 Lommel (Bel) 1. **Group nine:** Odra Wodzislaw (Pol) 0 Zilina (Slovakia) 0, Lyons (Fr) 2 Austria Vienna (Austria) 0. **Group ten:** Spartak Varna (Bul) 1 Montpellier (Fr) 1. Groningen (Holl) 4 Gloria Bistrita (Rom) 1. **Group eleven:** Proleter (Yug) 0 Publikum Celje (Slovenia) 0; Nizhny Novgorod (Russ) 1 Antalyaspor (Tur) 0. **Group twelve:** Floriana (Malta) 0 Torpedo Moscow (Russ) 1; SV Ried (Austria) 1 Merani (Geo) 3.

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Germany 2 Italy 0 (in Oslo)

GOLF

COAL VALLEY, Illinois: Quad City Classic: Leaders after three rounds (US unless stated): **200:** E Fiori 68 67 75, D Toms 67, 66, 67. **201:** F Lickliter 71, 67, 63, B Chamblee 71, 65, 65, P Goydos 66, 67, 68, R Gamez 67, 65, 69. **202:** S Sutherland 68, 69, 65, E Johnson 67, 69, 66, C Bowden 66, 67, 69. S Verplank 67, 65, 67, K Fergus 67, 64, 71. **203:** D Rummells 68, 70, 65, M Brisky 69, 69, 65, D Edwards 67, 69, 67, R Estes 67, 69, 67, K Perry 67, 68, 68, J Adams 69, 66, 68, W Levi 69, 67, 63, S McCarron 66, 67, 70, E Dougherty 67, 65, 71.

UBERLINGEN, Germany: Senior German Open: Leading final scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): **204:** N Ratcliffe (Aus) 66, 69, 69. **206:** D Creamer 72, 69, 65. **207.** D Jones 67, 69, 71. **210:** M Bembridge 69, 71, 70, F Campagna (It) 70, 68, 72. **211:** L Mancini (US) 73, 70, 68, T Horton 71, 69, 71, T Britz (SA) 69, 69, 73. **212:** H Flatman 77, 70, 65, A Barcha (US) 70, 72, 70, E Polland 71, 69, 72. **214:** B Verwey (SA) 73, 70, 71, N Coles 69, 68, 77. **215:** C DeFoy 69, 70, 76, W Armstrong (US) 71, 74, 70, I Richardson 75, 71, 69, S Wolfer 71, 73, 71, B Waites 71, 73, 71, J P Cabrera (US) 69, 74, 72, D Huish 72, 71, 72, D Dalziel (US) 70, 73, 72, J Garner 72, 71, 72.

CORNELIUS, Oregon. United States Women's Open: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated): **203:** A Nicholas (GB) 70, 66, 67. **206:** N Lopez 69, 68, 69. **208:** L Hackney (GB) 71, 70, 67. **209:** K Williams 71, 71, 67. **210:** K Webb (Aus) 73, 72, 65. **211:** C Andrews 74, 71, 66, A Fukushima (Japan) 71, 71, 69, M Redman 74, 67, 70, D Pepper 68, 70, 73, K Robbins 68, 69, 74. **212:** S Croce (It) 72, 69, 71, D Coe-Jones (Can) 72, 67, 73. **213:** C Johnson 72, 68, 73, L Neumann (Swe) 67, 70, 76. **214:** B Burton 73, 72, 69, P Johnson (GB) 69, 74, 71, F Shecter 72, 71, 71, D Pepper 73, 70, 72, J Inkster 72, 66, 76. **215:** B King 74, 72, 69, C Nilsmark (Swe) 76, 70, 69, C Matthew (GB) 76, 69, 70, T Green 74, 70, 71, C Pierce (GB) 71, 71, 73, J Pitcock 71, 69, 75. **Other European scores: 218:** L Bernardi (It) 72, 71, 75, F Marshall (GB) 72, 71, 75. **221:** H Alfredsson (Swe) 76, 70, 75.

BLED, Slovenia: European boys' team championships: First flight: England bt Denmark 4-3 (England names first): **Foursomes:** P Rowe and G Wilson bt M Jorgensen and J Andersen at 19th; J Rose and T Whitehouse bt C Cornelius and A Sorensen 3 and 2. **Singles:** Rose bt Jorgensen 5 and 4, Rowe lost to M Jorgensen 4 and 3, Whitehouse bt Sorensen 5 and 3, J Lupton lost to A Linnet 2 and 1, G Griffiths lost to Andersen 4 and 2). **Sweden bt Ireland 4-3** (Sweden names first: **Foursomes:** C Nilsson and L Petersson bt R Symes and L Dalton 3 and 2; A Houltman and R Sundgren lost to D Jones and M Campbell 2 holes. **Singles.** M Igoe bt Symes 7 and 6, Nilsson lost to Jones at 19th. Petersson lost to Campbell 2 and 1, Sundgren bt G McDowell 2 and 1, Houltman bt Dalton 2 and 1). **Scotland bt Wales 5-2** (Scotland names first. **Foursomes:** M Donaldson and L Rhind bt I Campbell and N Matthews 2 and 1, G Holland and P Whiteford bt A Smith and G White at 19th. **Singles:** Donaldson bt Smith 5 and 4, G Gordon lost to Campbell 5 and 4, Whiteford bt Matthews 4 and 3, Holland halved with G James, Rhind halved with A Leet. Spain bt Italy 4-3.

NORDCENTER CLUB, Finland: European women's team championships: Semi-finals: Wales 2 Sweden 5 (Wales names first: L Davis and R Morgan bt I Rosberg and S Berglund 3 and 1, N Evans and H Lawson lost to M Hedberg and U Jidfio 5 and 4. Evans lost to Rosberg 4 and 3, Davis bt S Gillemo 1 hole, V Thomas lost to Jidflo 3 and 2, Morgan lost to J Lindbergh 5 and 3, Lawson lost to Hedberg 5 and 3). **France 1½ Scotland 5½** (France names first: J Busutil and A Vincent bt A Rose and H Monaghan 3 and 2, S Amicci and K Icher lost to J Moodie and L Nicholson at 19th, Busutil lost to Rose 1 hole, L Kreutz lost to Monaghan 1 hole, Icher lost to Moodie 5 and 4, Amicci halved with A Laing, Vincent lost to Nicholson 2 holes). **Final: Scotland 3 Sweden 4** (Scotland names first: Rose and Monaghan bt Berglund and Rosberg 2 and 1, Moodie and Nicholson bt Hedberg and Jidflo 1 hole, Rose lost to Rosberg 2 holes, Monaghan lost to Gillemo 1 hole, Moodie bt Jidflo 6 and 4, A Laing lost to Lindbergh 2 and 1, Nicholson lost to Hedberg 2 and 1). **Play-offs: Third:** France 5 Wales 2. **Fifth-eighth:** Denmark 1 Italy 6, England 3 Spain 4. **Fifth:** Spain 5 Italy 2. **Seventh:** England 6 Denmark 1. **Ninth-sixteenth:** Ireland 3 Austria 2. **Ninth:** Ireland 2 Germany 3. **Eleventh:** Austria 3 Switzerland 2. **Thirteenth:** Holland 3½ Czech Republic 1½. **Fifteenth.** Belgium 3½ Finland 1½.

HOCKEY

BISHAM ABBEY: Women's three-nation tournament: Scotland 2 Spain 2, England 0 Spain 0. England 2 Scotland 3. **Final positions:** 1, Scotland 3pts. 2, England 2. 3, Spain 2 (Scotland win by scoring more goals).

POZNAN: Women's under-21 international matches: Poland 0 Wales 4. Poland 1 Wales 4. Poland 1 Wales 4 (Wales win series 3-0).

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sixth leg (Boston to Southampton) **Latest positions** (with miles to Southampton, as at 12 00GMT yesterday): 1, Group 4 490; 2, Toshiba Wave Warrior 513. 3, Concert 559. 4, Commercial Union 616. 5, Save the Children 616. 6, Nuclear Electric 642. 7, Ocean Rover 643. 8, 3Com 643. 9, Pause to Remember 645. 10, Courtaulds International 645. 11, Heath Insured II 646. 12, Motorola 649. 13, Global Teamwork 665. 14, Team & Tidu 725.

CARDIFF. Frontera Ultra 30 grand prix: Third round: Final results (after eight races): 1, Frontera (L Smith) 39pts. 2, DBS (R Peters) 30. 3, Save and Prosper (R Yeoman) 27. 4, Team Hoya (E Wardon) 25. 5, United Airlines (G Charles) 23. 6, Team Mobil (P Newlands) 15.

SHOOTING

BISLEY. NRA Imperial meeting: Match Rifle Halford Cup (1,000 and 1,100yds): 1, H Hunter (West Scotland) 147 16pts. 2, S Collingd (Windsor) 144 29. 3, J Pugsley (Pascal) 144 16. **Whitehead Cup** (1,000 and 1,100yds): 1, I Brown (Wandsworth) 147 18pts. 2, J Powell (Sussex) 147 14/22 1. 3, P Chance (OTV Club) 147 21/22 1. **Saturday Aggregate Cup:** 1, Pugsley 295 36. 2, Collings 289 40. 3, Powell 289 28. **Cottesloe Cup** (1,000 yds): 1, N Brasier (Stock Exchange) 100 13/25 4. 2, J Carmichael (Bromsgrove) 100 17/24 4. 3, A Hissey (English VIII) 100 15/23 3. **Pistol Lynch Staunton Memorial Cup** (knockout): 1, RAF PC. 2, Marylebone PC. **Team match** (two-a-side): **Centre fire** 1, Army 2,731 (N Hoogson 562). 2, British Women's Pistol Association 2,723 (B Young 560). **Standard pistol:** 1, Army 2,603 (E Feldmanis 543). 2, BWPA 2,542 (B Barber 526).

SPEEDWAY

BELLE VUE: International match: England 50 Australia 44.

ELITE LEAGUE: Ipswich 50 King's Lynn 40. Eastbourne 51 Belle Vue 39, Bradford 60 Ipswich 30, Coventry 41 Swindon 49.

PREMIER LEAGUE. Edinburgh 54 Arena Essex 36. Newport 45 Stoke 45. Oxford 50 Newcastle 39. Berwick 43 Arena Essex 47. **Four-team championship: Qualifying round: Fourth leg.** Sheffield 34 Long Eaton 20. Skegness 19 Hull 14 (at Sheffield). **Fifth leg:** Long Eaton 28 Stoke 27, Sheffield 25 Hull 16 (at Stoke). **Final aggregate scores:** Long Eaton 127 Hull 94; Stoke 94 Sheffield 82. Skegness 82. Oxford. Edinburgh and Long Eaton, who won their rounds, plus highest-scoring runners-up, Berwick qualify for the semi-finals at Peterborough on August 10.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Anglian Angels (King's Lynn and Ipswich) 40 Shuttle Cubs (Wolverhampton and Long Eaton) 38. Berwick 37 Peterborough 41. Western Warriors (Newport and Exeter) 36 Oxford Cubs 42. Lathallan 32 Peterborough 45. Buxton 38 Berwick 39.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: Euro/African zone: Group one play-off: Ukraine 2 Great Britain 3. **Group two play-offs.** Ireland 4 Greece 1 (in Dublin). Latvia 4 Ghana 1 (in Jurmala). Poland 4 Ivory Coast 1 (in Bytom). Slovenia 1 Norway 4 (in Nova Gorica). Portugal 2 Yugoslavia 1 (in Porto). Finland 2 Belarus 1 (in Tampere). Georgia 3 Nigeria 0 (in Tbilisi). Egypt 2 Lithuania 1 (in Cairo). **Asia/Oceania zone:** Uzbekistan 2 Japan 3 (in Tashkent). **American zone: Group one play-off:** Argentina 1 Ecuador 3 (in Buenos Aires).

FED CUP: World group I: Semi-finals: Czech Republic 2 Holland 2 (Czech names first: S Kleinova lost to B Schultz-McCarthy 1-6, 6-7. J Novotna bt M Oremans 6-3, 6-0. Novotna bt Schultz-McCarthy 7-6, 6-3. A Gersi lost to Oremans 6-1, 2-6, 7-9 in Prague). **France 3 Belgium 2** (France names first. A Fusai bt S Appelmans 6-7, 6-3, 6-1. S Testud lost to D van Roost 6-4, 5-7, 4-6. Testud bt Appelmans 6-2, 6-4. Fusai lost to Van Roost 3-6, 3-6. Testud and Fusai bt Van Roost and E Callens 2-6, 6-2, 7-5, in Nice). **World group play-offs:** United States 3 Japan 0 (at Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts). Germany 2 Croatia 2 (in Frankfurt). Australia 2 Spain 3 (in Gold Coast). Switzerland 2 Argentina 0 (in Zurich). **World group II.** Austria 2 South Africa 3 (in Portschach). South Korea 1 Russia 4 (in Seoul). Indonesia 0 Italy 5 (in Jakarta). Slovakia 5 Canada 0 (in Bratislava).

BRISTOL: Challenger tournament: Semi-finals M Petchey (GB) bt A Hunt (NZ) 2-6, 7-6, 7-5. S Pescosolido (It) bt M Navarra (It) 6-4, 6-3. **Final:** Pescosolido bt Petchey, 7-6, 7-6.

BASTAD, Sweden: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: J-A Marin (Sp) bt K Kucera (Slovakia) 7-6, 6-3. M Norman (Swe) bt C Costa (Sp) 7-5, 6-3. **Final:** Norman bt Marin 7-5, 6-2.

GSTAAD, Switzerland: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: J A Viloca (Sp) bt A Corretja (Sp) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4. F Mantilla (Sp) bt W Ferreira (SA) 6-3, 6-4. **Final.** Mantilla bt Viloca 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: B Steven (NZ) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-0, 6-0. G Stafford (SA) bt D Wheaton (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. **Semi-finals:** S Sargsian (Arm) bt L Paes (India) 7-6, 2-6, 6-3. Steven bt Stafford 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

FELIXSTOWE: Women's satellite tournament. Final. K Cross (GB) bt S de Beer (SA) 6-1, 7-5.

FELIXSTOWE: LTA Reebok Tour: Finals: Men: J Fox (Lincolnshire) bt P Hand (Berkshire) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. **Women:** C Watson (Aus) bt J Wood (Middlesex) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

ATHLETICS

Track and field

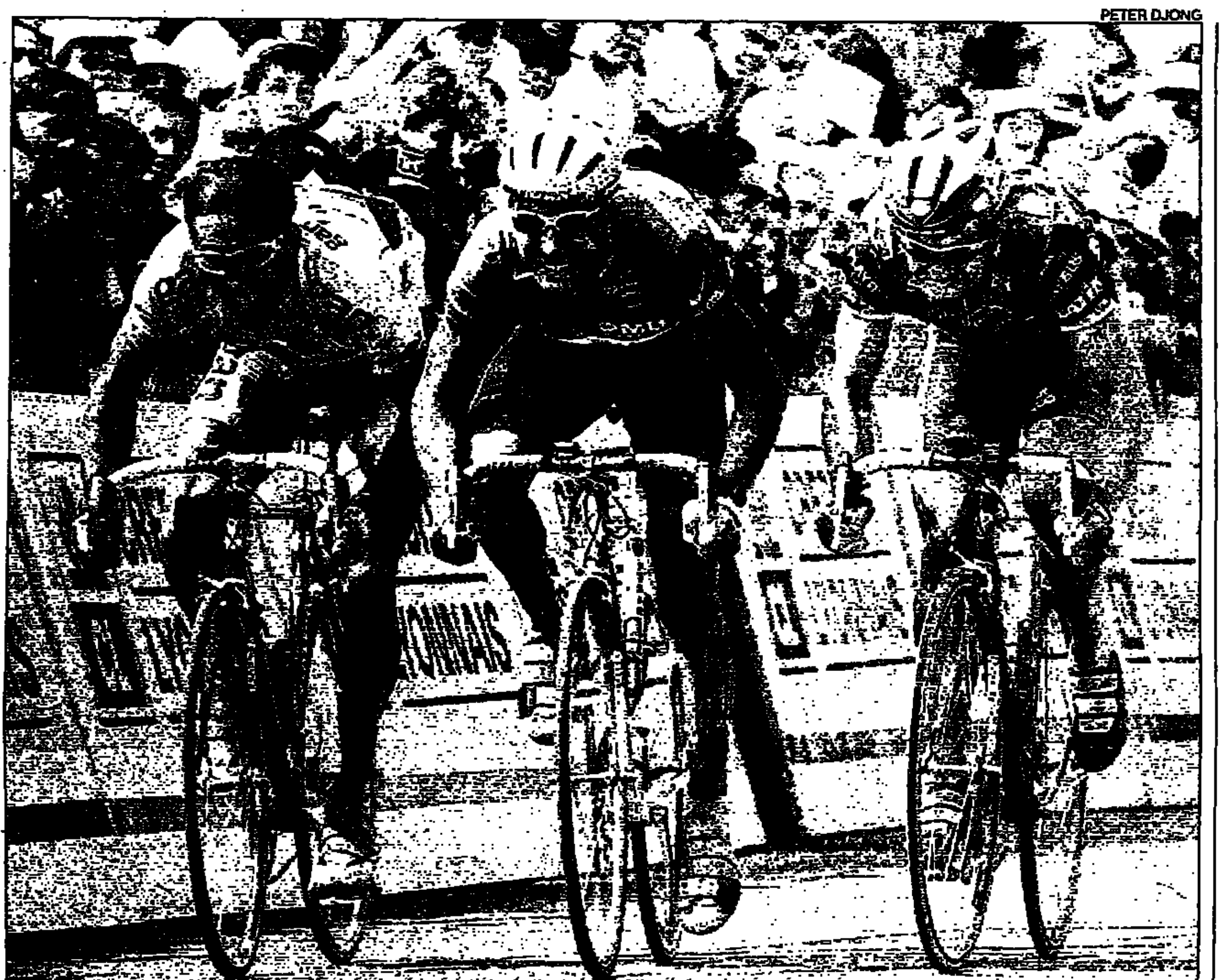
ALEXANDER STADIUM, Birmingham: British championships (including world championship trials: first two qualify for Great Britain team): **Finals: Men: 100m:** 1, I Mackie (Pitreavie) 10.28sec; 2, D Campbell (Belgrave) 10.29; 3, D Chambers (Belgrave) 10.42. **800m:** 1, A Hart (Coventry Godiva) 1min 46.36sec; 2, M Sesay (Leeds City) 1:47.36; 3, P Walker (Edinburgh) 1:47.82. **1,500m:** 1, J Mayock (Cannock and Stafford) 3:39.69; 2, K McKay (Sale) 3:39 93; 3, M Yates (Belgrave) 3:40.86. **5,000m:** 1, A Passey (Redditch) 13:38.21; 2, R Denmark (Basildon) 13:39.29; 3, I Gillespie Birchfield 13:39.72. **110m hurdles:** 1, T Jarrett (Haringey) 13.33sec; 2, C Jackson (Brecon AAA) 13.39; 3, A Tulloch (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 13 85. **400m hurdles:** 1, C Rawlinson (Rotherham Harriers) 49.69; 2, G Jennings (Newham and Essex Beagles) 50.02; 3, P Gray (Thames Valley H) 50.38. **3,000m steeplechase:** 1, R Hough (Hallamshire H) 8min 41.44sec; 2, S Duval (Cannock and Stafford) 8:46.17; 3, M O'Dowd (Swindon) 8:47.99. **Long jump:** 1, S Phillips (Rugby) 7.58m; 2, C Davidson (Newham and Essex Beagles) 7.52; 3, O Onuoran (Bournemouth) 7.45. **Triple jump:** 1, F Agyepong (Shaftesbury) 16.48; 2, J Golley (Thames Valley) 16.34; 3, L Achike (Shaftesbury) 15.77. **Shot:** 1, S Pickering (Haringey) 19.25m; 2, M Simson (Belgrave) 19.11; 3, S Hayward (Sale) 18.19. **Discus:** 1, R Weir (Birchfield) 63 74m; 2, K Brown (Belgrave) 59 44; 3, G Smith (Solihull and Small Heath) 58 52. **Hammer:** 1, P Head (Newham and Essex Beagles) 71.58m; 2, D Smith (Belgrave) 70.92; 3, M Jones (Shaftesbury Barnet) 69.68. **10km walk:** 1, A Penn (Coventry RWC) 42min 21.89sec; 2, M Bell (Cardiff) 42:31.79; 3, M Easton (Surrey WC) 42:37.98. **Women: 100m:** 1, S Jacobs (Shaftesbury) 11.50sec; 2, M Richardson (WSE) 11.56; 3, B Kinch (Hounslow) 11.82. **400m:** 1, D Fraser (Croydon) 51.82; 2, M Pierre (Croydon) 53.13; 3, L Hanson (Birchfield) 53.73. **800m:** 1, K Holmes (Army) 1min 58 69sec; 2, H Parry (Swansea H) 2:02.20; 3, C Raven (Coventry Godiva) 2:03.15. **5,000m:** 1, P Radcliffe (Bedford) 15:30.36; 2, Y Murray (Motherwell) 15:39.08; 3, L MacDougall (Glasgow AC) 16:04.01. **High jump:** 1, D Marti (Bromley LAC) 1.91m; 2, S Jones (Wigan) 1.88; 3, J Jennings (Essex Ladies) 1.85. **Pole vault:** 1, J Whitlock (Spenborough) 4.00m; 2, L Schramm (Epsom and Ewell) 3.70; 3, P Wilson (Birchfield) 3.60. **Triple jump:** 1, A Hansen (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14.10m; 2, M Griffith (WSE) 13.11; 3, C Henry (Unattached) 12 48. **Shot:** 1, J Oakes (Croydon) 18 42m; 2, M Augee (Essex Ladies) 16 74; 3, T Axten (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14.71. **Discus:** 1, S Drew (Sutton H) 58 16m; 2, T Axten (Shaftesbury Barnet) 53.86; 3, J McKernan (Lisburn) 53.28. **Hammer:** 1, S Moore (Bristol) 56.60m (Welsh record); 2, A Gardner (Corby) 54.00; 3, E Pidgeon (Essex Ladies) 52 10. **Javelin:** 1, T Sanderson (Birchfield) 58 30sec; 2, S Holroyd (Salisbury) 55.20; 3, K Martin (Derby) 54.66. **5km walk:** 1, S Black (Birchfield) 23min 56.72sec; 2, C Charnock (Barrow) 25:26.25; 3, L Bradley (Sheffield United WC) 26:47.87.

TURKU, Finland: European under-23 championships: (GB unless stated): **Finals: Men: 100m:** 1, A Pavlakakis (Gr) 10.18sec; 2, C Calado (Por) 10.29; 3, M Devonish 10.32; 6, J Henthorn 10.46. **200m:** 1, J Golding 20.46; 2, A Aftene (It) 20.68. 3, R Pilarczyk (Pol) 20 87; 5, D Money 20.99. **400m:** 1, M Hylton 45.71; 2, P Haczek (Pol) 45.72; 3, K Provost (Bel) 45 99. **800m:** 1, A Longo (It) 1min 46.49sec; 2, A Bucher (Switz) 1:47.13; 3, G Krzotsek (Pol) 1:47 45. **1,500m:** 1, R Estevez (Sp) 3:42.37; 2, C Garcia (Sp) 3:43.24; 3, A Vasile (Rom) 3:43.35. **5,000m:** 1, S Zanon (It) 13:45.90; 2, R Berradi (It) 13:47.08; 3, S Lukin (Russ) 13 48 04; 5, N Cuddy 13:58.84; 8, K Bowditch 14:07 13. **110m hurdles:** 1, F Busemann (Ger) 13.54sec; 2, S Peters (Bel) 13 56; 3, A Kislykh (Russ) 13.53; 5, R Baillie 13.94; 7, D Greaves 13.82. **400m hurdles:** 1, L Soucek (Cz) 49.08; 2, M Scheibert (Switz) 49 43; 3, X Revenel (Fr) 49.63. **3,000m steeplechase:** L DiPardo (It) 8min 34.24sec; 2, V LeDauphin (Fr) 8:36.52; 3, K Tomskiy (Russia) 8:37.81. **Long jump:** 1, C Calado (Por) 8 32m; 2, K Sosunov (Russ) 8.30; 3, A Lukasevich (Ukraine) 8 09. **Discus:** 1, A Krawczyk (Pol) 59 54m; 2, T Sinervo (Finland) 57.20; 3, K Chuprinin (Ukraine) 56 78. **Triple jump:** 1, V Taranov (Russ) 16.34m; 2, M Safiulin (Russ) 16.29; 3, T Erogbobgo 16.28. **Pole vault:** 1, Y Smiryagin (Russ) 5 70m; 2, M Miranda (Sp) 5.50m; 3, P Spacek (Cz) 5.50m. **Hammer:** 1, I Tikhon (Bela) 74.46m; 2, S Ziolkowski (Pol) 73 68; 3, N Avlasevich (Bela) 72.40. **Decathlon:** 1, K Isekenmeier (Ger) 7,928pts; 2, A Yurkov (Ukr) 7,888; 3, P Viel (Fr) 7,868. **Women: 100m:** 1, N Ivanova (Bul) 11.50sec; 2, E Möller (Ger) 11.53; 3, M Digbo (Fr) 11.54. **200m:** 1, H Benesova (Cz) 22.57; 2, S Ghosh (Ger) 22 80; 3, K Benth (Fr) 23.19. **400m:** 1, A Curbishley 50.85 (Scottish record); 2, H Benesova (Cz) 51.82; 3, C Angerhasuer (Ger) 53.45. **800m:** 1, I Nedelenko (Ukraine) 2min 1.72sec; 2, D Flut (Pol) 2:02.44; 3, L Conchárova (Russ) 2:02.72. **1,500m:** 1, A Saldesova (Cz) 4:13.92; 2, L Chojecka (Pol) 4:14.70; 3, N Chernyshova (Ukr) 4:15.43. **10,000m:** O Jevtic (Yug) 32:44.22; 2, A Sandell (Fin) 32:48.57; 3, S Larsen (Nor) 33:11 09. **100m hurdles:** 1, I Korotya (Russ) 12.97sec; 2, D Allahgreen 13.03; 3, J Halkoaho (Fin) 13.35. **4 x 100m relay:** 1, Germany 43.94; 2, Russia 44 41; 3, Italy 44.73. **High jump:** 1, Y Lyakhova (Russ) 1.97m; 2, K Bergqvist (Sweden) 1.93; 3, D Rath (Ger) 1.91. **Shot:** 1, N Kleinert (Ger) 18.27m; 2, C de Bruin (Holl) 18.08; 3, Y Korolchik (Bela) 17.98. **Discus:** 1, C de Bruin (Holl) 57.72m; 2, K Hering (Ger) 56.78; 3, Y Korolchik (Bela) 56 38. **Hammer:** 1, M Melinte (Rom) 70.26m; 2, S Mathes (Ger) 64.38; 3, L Sprules 61.70. **Javelin:** 1, T Uppa (Fin) 56.48m; 2, A Serdyuk (Bela) 55.56; 3, M Pitkanen (Fin) 55.24; 4, K Morrison 54.14. **Heptathlon:** 1, K Gutjahr (Ger) 6,130pts; 2, Y Akulenko (Ukraine) 6,117; 3, D Koritskaya (Russ) 6,014; 8, J Holmes 5,595; 10, K Sotherton 5,585.

STUTTGART: International meeting: Men: 100m: 1, A Boldon (Trin) 9.90sec; 2, M Greene (US) 10.04; 3, D Mitchell (US) 10.12. **200m:** 1, Boldon 19.77sec; 2, Greene 19.89; 3, F Fredericks (Nam) 19.93. **400m:** 1, M Campbell (US) 44.67; 2, J Young (US) 44.93; 3, D Clarke (Jam) 45.21. **800m:** 1, P Ndururi (Kenya) 1min 45.28sec; 2, B Koech (Ken) 1:45.52; 3, B Rock (US) 1:46.08. **1,500m:** 1, D Baumann (Ger) 3:33.51; 2, D Lelel (Ken) 3:33.83; 3, R Stenzel (Ger) 3:34.09. **110m hurdles:** 1, A Johnson (US) 12.97sec; 2, A Garcia (Cuba) 13.11; 3, F Schwarthoff (Ger) 13.21. **400m hurdles:** 1, L Herbert (SA) 47.97; 2, B Bronson (US) 47.99; 3, S Diagana (Fr) 48.44. **Triple jump:** 1, C Friedek (Ger) 17.45m; 2, Y Quesada (Cuba) 17.14; 3, N Mdhlongwa (Zim) 17.13. **Pole vault:** 1, T Lobinger (Ger) 5.92m; 2, O Brits (SA) 5.80; 3, S Hennig (US) 5.70. **Discus:** 1, L Riedel (Ger) 66.76m; 2, A Setliff (US) 65.14; 3, J Schult (Ger) 64.82. **Women: 100m:** 1, G Torrence (US) 11.07sec; 2, C Ajunwa (Nigeria) 11.16; 3, M Paschke (Ger) 11.17. **200m:** 1, M Gainsford (Aus) 22.23; 2, J Campbell (Jam) 22.65; 3, A Bikar (Slovenia) 22.95. **400m:** 1, C Freeman (Aus) 49 86; 2, F Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 49.91; 3, C Opara (Nigeria) 50.27. **800m:** 1, A Quirot (Cuba) 1min 55.78sec; 2, T Hodgkinson (NZ) 1:59:39; 3, M Dimuro-Ave (US) 2:00.06. **100m hurdles:** 1, M Morrison (US) 12.74sec; 2, C Dickey (US) 12.83; 3, B Bukovec (Slovenia) 12.85. **400m hurdles:** 1, G Amadottir (Ice) 54.85; 2, K Haugthon (Jam) 55.19; 3, R Buchanan (US) 55.63. **High jump:** 1, A Bradburn-Spangler (US) 1.88m; 2, A Baumert (Ger) 1 80; 3, H Sanzenbacher (Ger) 1.80. **Long jump:** 1, S Couch (US) 6.75m; 2, C Ajunwa (Nigeria) 6.70; 3, L Golding (Jam) 6 57.

FUNCHAL, Madeira: International meeting: Men: 100m: 1, J Shelton (Jam) 10.21sec; 2, A Zakari (Gha) 10.33; 3, F Nwamkpa (Nigeria) 10 34. **200m:** 1, B Sirinou (Cam) 20.88; 2, Shelton 21.03; 3, V Jorge (Por) 21.35. **400m:** 1, P Januszewski (Pol) 49 77; 2, K Aladefa (Nigeria) 50 45; 3, J Rivas (Col) 50 60. **800m:** 1, J Marwa (Ken) 1min 47.55sec; 2, O Diarra (Fr) 1:48 12; 3, D Ponte (Por) 1:48.18. **1,500m:** 1, M Ruto (Sp) 3.42 33; 2, H Zohal (Mor) 3:43.22; 3, M Damiao (Por) 3:43.66. **110m hurdles:** 1, E Valle (Cuba) 13.64sec; 2, K Aladefa (Nigeria) 13.69; 3, J Font (Sp) 13.90. **High jump:** 1, I Perez (Sp) 2.16m; 2, J Matias (Por) 2.13; 3, F Spinola (Por) 2 05. **Long jump:** 1, K Dilworth (US) 8 12m; 2, D Bntruk (Pol) 7.48; 3, H Almeida (Por) 7 19. **Women: 1,500m:** 1, F Ribeiro (Por) 4min 5.97sec; 2, V Barta (Hun) 4.18.92; 3, A Piedra (Sp) 4:19.38. **100m hurdles:** 1, K Anderson (Can) 12.82sec; 2, M J Mardomingo (Sp) 13.29; 3, G Alozie (Nigeria) 13.36. **Javelin:** 1, C Isada (Rom) 57.68m; 2, A Preisinger (Hun) 57.40; 3, H Gouveia (Por) 50.24.

PETER DJONG



Frédéric Moncassin, left, Erik Zabel, centre, and Nicola Minali sprint the final section of the eighth stage in the Tour de France, which Zabel won to remain second overall to Cédric Vasseur. Results, page 31

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Saturday

Paris 30 Wigan 28

Paris Saint-Germain. Tries: Bergman 2, Eade, Evans, Taylor. **Goals:** O'Connor 3, Robinson 2. **Wigan Warriors: Tries:** Farrell, Haughton, P Johnson, Talbot. **Goals:** Farrell 6. **Att:** 2,560

Yesterday

Sheffield 8 London 50

Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Senior, Sovatabua. **London Broncos: Tries:** Barwick, Hamilton, Matterson, Rosolen 2, Roskell 2, Tollett. **Goals:** Barwick 4, Matterson 5. **Att:** 3,150

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Bradford Bulls 34 Salford Reds 14, Castleford Tigers 25 Oldham Bears 20. Warrington Wolves 16 Leeds Rhinos 23

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	17	17	0	0	605	316	34
Leeds	17	12	1	4	456	346	25
London	16	11	2	3	467	273	24
Wigan	16	10	0	6	512	289	20
St Helens	16	9	1	6	429	373	19
Salford	17	9	0	8	334	383	18
Halifax	17	7	1	9	418	402	15
Sheffield	17	6	0	11	315	474	12
Warrington	16	5	0	11	325	541	10
Paris	17	4	0	13	283	449	8
Castleford	18	3	2	13	260	445	8
Oldham	16	3	1	12	337	450	7

(not including last night's match St Helens v Halifax Blue Sox)

First division

Hull K R 43 Whitehaven 30

Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: Charles, Chamberlain 2, D Hamson, D'Arcy, O'Brien, Rouse. **Goals:** Everitt 7. **Dropped goal:** Parker. **Whitehaven Warriors: Tries:** Joe, Lester, Maletoa-Brown, Mulumu, Quirk. **Goals:** Hetherington 5. **Att:** 2,120

Keighley 20 Wakefield 18

Keighley Cougars: Tries: Cantillon, Foster, Gamson, Ramshaw. **Goals:** Robinson 2. **Wakefield Trinity: Tries:** G Law, Holland, March. **Goals:** G Law 2. **Dropped goals:** Bastow, March. **Att:** 2,269

Swinton 18 Dewsbury 15

Swinton Lions: Tries: Craig, McCabe, Welsby. **Goals:** Price-Jones, S Casey. **Dropped goals:** Longo, Price-Jones. **Dewsbury Rams: Tries:** B Williams, Williamson. **Goals:** Eaton 3. **Dropped goal:** Woodcock. **Att:** 1,275

Widnes 14 Featherstone 30

Widnes Vikings: Tries: Cooper, Cumer, Gartland. **Goal:** Bloem. **Featherstone Rovers: Tries:** Chapman, Gleadhill, Kimmell, Molloy, Pratt. **Goals:** Chapman 5. **Att:** 2,495

Workington 8 Huddersfield 38

Workington Town: Try: J Smith. **Goals:** Fisher 2. **Huddersfield Giants: Tries:** Braves 2, Bunyan, Cheetham, Davys, Diskin, Russell. **Goals:** Booth 3, Weston 2. **Att:** 1,092

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	19	17	1	1	551	228	35
Huddersfield	19	15	0	4	572	302	30
Keighley	19	11	1	7	414	316	23
Whitehaven	19	10	1	8	388	390	21
Dewsbury	19	9	0	10	333	407	18
Hull K R	20	8	1	11	440	481	17
Wakefield	19	8	1	10	364	409	17
Featherstone	19	7	1	11	392	381	15
Swinton	19	7	0	12	345	459	14
Widnes	19	6	0	13	264	521	12
Workington	19	4	0	15	320	489	8

Second division

Batley 50 Bramley 26

Batley Bulldogs: Tries: Barnett, Gibson, Price 2, Skelton 2, Turpin 2, Walker. **Goals:** Price 7. **Bramley: Tries:** Blankley, Creasser, Currie, Hinchcliffe. **Goals:** Creasser 5. **Att:** 603

Doncaster 0 Hunslet 60

Hunslet Hawks: Tries: Baker 4, Coult 2, Fifpo, Kettleridge, Mulligan, Pechey, Plange 2. **Goals:** Ross 6. **Att:** 876

Prescot 12 Rochdale 74

Prescot Panthers: Tries: Scholes, Steels. **Goals.** Jackson 2. **Rochdale Hornets: Tries:** Appleby 2, Bunce 3, Edwards, Farrell 4, Garland, Pachniuk, Procter 2. **Goals:** Garland 9. **Att:** 499

York 16 Leigh 21

York Wasps: Tries: Fitzgerald, Pellister 2. **Goals:** Fitzgerald 2. **Leigh Centurions: Tries:** Fairclough, Hill, Ingram. **Goals.** Wilkinson 4. **Dropped goal.** Wilkinson. **Att:** 721

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Lancashire Lynx 21 Barrow Braves 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale	19	15	0	4	658	319	30
Hunslet	19	14	0	5	620	250	28
Leigh	19	14	0	5	608	322	28
Batley	19	13	0	6	572	413	26
Lancashire L	19	12	0	7	528	356	24
Carlisle	19	12	0	7	492	374	24
York	19	8	0	11	497	455	16
Barrow	19	6	0	13	313	622	12
Bramley	19	5	1	13	343	491	11
Doncaster	20	3	1	16	247	668	7
Prescot	19	2	0	17	237	745	4

AUSTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Cronulla Sharks 44 Penrith Panthers 20. Canterbury Bulldogs 38 Perth Reds 26. North Queensland Cowboys 33 Hunter Mariners 14.

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL): Western Suburbs 20 Balmain 10. Newcastle 30 South Sydney 0.

SCHOOLS SPORT

Athletics

SHEFFIELD: TSB schools championships (winners): **Boys: Senior: 100m:** S Daley (Merseyside) 10.88sec. **200m:** D Burley (London) 21.82sec. **400m:** M Parper (London) 47.19sec. **800m:** N Kirk (Kent) 1min 52 11sec. **1,500m:** J Thie (Avon) 3min 51 47sec. **3,000m:** S Haughian (Surrey) 8min 27.58sec. **2,000m steeplechase:** A Robinson (Sussex) 5min 46.31sec. **110m hurdles:** L Barker (Northamptonshire) 14.07sec. **400m hurdles:** R Taberas (London) 52.95sec. **High jump:** B Challenger (Leicestershire) 2.20m. **Pole vault:** B Flint (South Yorkshire) 4.90m. **Long jump:** S Wells (Essex) 7.56m. **Triple jump:** P Idowu (London) 16.22m (championship record). **Shot:** C Myerscough (Somerset) 19.16m (championship record). **Discus:** E Udechuku (London) 59.72m. **Hammer:** A Grierson (Berkshire) 63.78m. **Javelin:** D Parker (North Yorkshire) 69 86m. **4 x 100m relay:** Hampshire 42.96sec. **Intermediate: 100m:** J Barbour (Surrey) 10.64sec. **200m:** B Lewis (West Midlands) 21.38sec. **400m:** C Bennett (Hampshire) 48.94sec. **800m:** S Eyre (Sussex) 1min 55 18sec. **1,500m:** C Bolt (Berkshire) 4min 00.21sec. **3,000m:** C Thompson (Hampshire) 8min 44.24sec. **1,500m steeplechase:** J Rice (Merseyside) 4min 22.03sec. **100m hurdles:** A Turner (Nottinghamshire) 12.98sec. **400m hurdles:** A Ferns (London) 53.98sec. **High jump:** K Mikinson (London) 2.06m. **Pole vault:** R Smith (Lincolnshire) 4.60m. **Long jump:** B Robinson (West Midlands) 7.32m. **Triple jump:** C Tomlinson (Cleveland) 14.16m. **Shot:** L Woodward (Staffordshire) 16.53m. **Hammer:** M Sutton (Staffordshire) 63.30m. **Javelin:** P Sharpe (Lancashire) 68 50m. **Discus:** S Williams (Hampshire) 52.50m. **4 x 100m relay:** Essex 42 65sec. **Junior: 100m:** M Lewis-Francis (West Midlands) 10.93sec. **200m:** T Anthony (Hertfordshire) 22.35sec. **400m:** M Snow (Northamptonshire) 50.78sec. **800m:** K Desai (Northumberland) 2min 00 00sec. **1,500m:** M Farah (Middlesex) 4min 08.41sec. **80m hurdles:** C Tye-Walker (Somerset) 11 10sec. **Pole vault:** C Johnston (Surrey) 3.65m. **Long jump:** D Aldridge (Bedfordshire) 6.47m. **Triple jump:** J Davies (Essex) 13.08m. **Shot:** G Beard (Kent) 15.10m. **Discus:** C Orr (Cumberland) 42.80m. **Hammer:** J Kompani (Kent) 50 38m. **Javelin:** A Lovett (Hertfordshire) 54 42m. **4 x 100m relay:** West Midlands 44 61sec. **Girls: Senior: 100m:** T Nelson (Kent) 11 82sec. **200m:** S Wilhelmy (Essex) 23 85sec. **400m:** L Owusu (Berkshire) 55 72sec. **800m:** E Davies (Wiltshire) 2min 07 74sec. **1,500m:** A Carter (Cheshire) 4min 31 31sec. **3,000m:** A Gascoigne (Somerset) 9min 49 50sec. **100m hurdles:** J Pratt (Essex) 13 75sec. **400m hurdles:** C Hall (Norfolk) 61 30sec. **High jump:** M Dunkley (Northamptonshire) 1 83m. **Long jump:** S Claxton (Essex) 6 53m. **Triple jump:** J Koley (Hertfordshire) 12 21m. **Shot:** N Gauner (South Yorkshire) 14.37m. **Javelin:** T Francis (Dorset) 46 48m. **Discus:** D Williams (Greater Manchester) 44 00m. **4 x 100m relay:** Essex 47 26sec. **Intermediate: 100m:** K Thomas (Kent) 11 88sec. **200m:** S Zawada (Hampshire) 24 66sec. **300m:** K Palmer (Buckinghamshire) 38 60sec. **800m:** S Hasler (West Midlands) 2min 11 51sec. **1,500m:** E Ward (Staffordshire) 4min 32 57sec. **3,000m:** J Swallow (Essex) 9min 47 84sec. **80m hurdles:** H Worsley (Leicestershire) 11 31sec. **300m hurdles:** S Williams (West Midlands) 42.58sec. **High jump:** E Jackson (Northumberland) 1 70m. **Long jump:** F Harrison (South Yorkshire) 5 89m. **Shot:** A Wilson (Suffolk) 12 08m. **Discus:** C Burton (Kent) 39.24m. **Javelin:** G Seyers (Cambridgeshire) 41 19m. **4 x 100m relay:** West Midlands 47 70sec. **Junior: 100m:** K Kwakye (Essex) 12.11sec. **200m:** V James (London) 25 08sec. **800m:** C Taylor (Northumberland) 2min 13 55sec. **1,500m:** L Damen (Hampshire) 4min 41 22sec. **75m hurdles:** S McGreevy (Warwickshire) 11 08sec. **High jump:** A Wilson (Leicestershire) 1 72m. **Long jump:** M Parris (Essex) 5.69m. **Shot:** J Street (Staffordshire) 11 78m. **Discus:** C Smithson (Sussex) 38 14m. **Javelin:** S Redd (Sussex) 34 72m. **4 x 100m relay:** Essex 49.25sec.

Cricket

JERSEY FESTIVAL: Lord Wandsworth 103 Clayesmore 104-6. Abbotsholme 195-7dec Clayesmore 123-7. Clayesmore 255 Victoria Coll 165-8. **Other match:** Clayesmore 265-9 Victoria Coll 266-9

RUGBY UNION

International matches

Australia 25 England 6

Australia: Tries: Burke, Gregan, Horan, Tune. **Con:** Burke. **Pen:** Eales. **England: Pen:** Stimpson. **Dropped goal:** Catt.

(at Sydney Football Stadium)

United States 23 Wales 28

United States: Tries: Anitoni, Walker. **Cons:** Alexander 2. **Pens:** Alexander 3. **Wales: Tries:** Proctor 3, A Thomas. **Con:** A Thomas. **Pens:** A Thomas 2.

(in San Francisco)

TOUR MATCH: Western Australia 18 South Africa Under-21 44 (in Perth)

Under-21 international

Australia 27 England 7

Australia Under-21: Tries: Staniforth 2, Darwin, Gleeson. **Cons:** Warner 2. **Pen:** Warner. **England Under-21: Try:** Beim. **Con.** Sampson.

(at Sydney Football Stadium)

CURRIE CUP: Free State 75 Eastern Province 19 (in Bloemfontein). Griqualand West 13 Natal 24 (in Kimberley). Gauteng Falcons 26 Northern Transvaal 23 (in Brakpan). Northern Free State 24 Western Province 43 (in Welkom). North West 23 Boland 54 (in Wellington). Border 16 South Western Districts 20 (in East London). Gauteng Lions 27 Mpumalanga 26 (in Johannesburg)

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WORLD CUP REGATTA

(at Lucerne)

MEN: Sculls: 1, Slovenia (Cop) 6min 43sec. 2, Norway (Bekken) 6 44; 3, New Zealand (Waddell) 6 44 4. Great Britain I (Searle) and Great Britain II (Goodbrand) unplaced. **Double Sculls:** 1, Germany 6min 16sec. 2, Australia 6:17. 3, Norway 6 18. No Great Britain entry. **Quad Sculls:** 1, Germany 5min 50 18sec. 2, United States 5:50 44. 3, Ukraine 5.50.72. Great Britain unplaced. **Coxless pairs:** 1, Lithuania 6min 28sec. 2, Great Britain (Thatcher and Hunt-Davis) 6.29. 3, France 6 31. **Coxed pairs:** 1, Romania 6min 57sec. 2, Croatia 6 58. 3, Great Britain 7:01 (McQuillan, Morrison, Nelson). **Coxless fours:** 1, Great Britain (Cracknell, Redgrave, Foster, Pinsent) 5min 53sec. 2, Romania 5 55 3; 3, France 5 55 6. **Coxed fours:** 1, Czech Republic 6min 14sec. 2, Croatia 6 15. 3, Great Britain 6 17 (Johnson, McAdams, Coode, Trapmore, Chung). **Eights:** 1, Germany 5min 32sec. 2, Canada 5 33 3. 3, Romania 5 33 6. 6, Great Britain (Beckley, Dennis, Hamilton, Garbett, Dunn, Attrill, West, Trapmore, Cormack) 5 39. **Invitation college eights:** 1, Great Britain (Cambridge University) 5min 47sec. 2, Germany 5:53; 3, France 5 56. **Lightweight men. Sculls:** 1, Denmark 7min 00sec. 2, Austria 7:02. 3, Czech Republic 7:02 4; 12, Great Britain (Male) 7:27. **Double sculls:** 1, Italy 6min 16sec. 2, Germany 6:17; 3, Poland 6 18. Great Britain unplaced. **Quad sculls:** 1, Germany 5min 53sec. 2, Ireland 5 54. 3, Spain 5:55; 7, Great Britain (Kittoe, Whitelaw, Lee, Forbes) 6 03. **Coxless pairs:** 1. France 6min 47sec. 2, Australia 6 47 9. 3, Denmark 6 49; 12, Great Britain (Tucker, Louzado) 7:00. **Coxless fours:** 1, Denmark 5min 56sec. 2, Germany 5 58; 3, Italy 6 00; 6, Great Britain (Williamson, Watson, Strange, Butt) 6 08. **Eights:** 1, Australia 5min 39sec. 2, Great Britain (Brown, Webb, Lemon, McNiven, Henshilwood, Harland, Baker, Keys, Deakin) 5 43. 3, Italy 5 44.

WOMEN: Sculls: 1, Belarus (Khodotovitch) 7min 26sec; 2, Denmark (Hansen) 7 30. 3, Bulgaria (Neykova) 7 30 7. Great Britain I (Batten) and Great Britain II Lavenck unplaced. **Double Sculls:** 1, Germany 6min 48sec. 2, Switzerland 6 51. 3, Australia 6 54. 4, Great Britain (Batten and Lindsay) 6 57. **Quad Sculls:** 1, Germany I 6min 21sec. 2, Russia 6.22. 3, Germany II 6:25. No Great Britain entry. **Coxless pairs:** 1, Romania 7min 07sec. 2, Canada 7 11. 3, Australia 7 14. 4, Great Britain (Blackie and Bishop) 7 15. **Coxless fours:** 1, Great Britain (Boever, Walker, Henshilwood, Eyre) 6min 39sec. 2, Germany 6 42. 3, Holland 6 43. **Eights:** 1, Romania 6min 09sec. 2, Germany 6 17. 3, Holland 6 21. No Great Britain entry. **Lightweights: Double Sculls:** 1, Canada 7min 00sec. 2, Germany 7 01 3. Denmark 7 01 3. 8, Great Britain (Birch and Langlands) 7:20. **Coxless pairs:** 1, Australia 7min 31sec. 2, Great Britain I (Davies, Myers) 7 41 1. 3, Great Britain II (Hobson, Barclay) 7 41 8. **Quad sculls:** 1, Germany 6min 37sec. 2, Holland 6:40; 3, Great Britain (Dale, Morris, Nirsch, Watts) 6 42. **Sculls:** 1, Germany 7min 52sec. 2, Romania 7.55. 3, France 7 58. 6, Great Britain (Hall) 8 10.

FINAL WORLD CUP PLACINGS: 1, Germany 209pts; 2, Great Britain 101; 3, Romania 88; 4, Denmark 73; 5, France 70.

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VICTORIA: Second division: East Altona (0) 0 Bell Park (0) 1; E Brunswick (1) 2 Altona City (0) 0, Frankston P (1) 1 Regent (0) 0; Mooroolbark (0) 1 Glen Eira (1) 2; Oakleigh (2) 3 E Richmond (0) 2 Ringwood C (1) 4; OS Waverley (1) 1 Knox City (1) 1. **Third division:** Banyule (0) 0 Cranbourne (1) 4; Fitzroy (0) 0 S Springvale (3) 4. Geelong (3) 4 Chelsea (1) 1; Melbourne C (0) 1 Keilor (1) 2; Nunawading (1) 2 S Werribee (2) 6; Pascoe Vale (0) 1 Diamond V (2) 4; S Caulfield (0) 1 N Coburg (0) 1. **Fourth division:** Corio (2) 4 Clifton Hill (3) 3. Lalor (2) 2 Monbulk (0) 0; Langwarrin (1) 1 Stonnington (1) 1; Moreland (0) 1 Geelong R (1) 1; Seaford Utd (0) 1 *Keysborough (1) 1; Sun Heights (0) 1 Sunbury (0) 0*; Williamstown (1) 1 Sandringham (1) 1. **Fifth division:** Ballarat (0) 0 Sunshine B (0) 1; Croxton (0) 2 S Wantirna (4) 6; Doveton (1) 1 Glenroy (1) 5; Endeavour (1) 4 Springvale C (1) 1, Knox Pk (0) 1 Melton (1) 1; Lyndale U (1) 3 Brandon Pk (1) 2; Mitcham (0) 0 N Sunshine (1) 1

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Premier division: Dianella (0) 1 Joondalup (0) 2; Kingsway (3) 4 Swan I C (0) 1; Sorrento (0) 3 Knights (2) 2, Spearwood (1) 3 Athena (2) 6. **Postponed:** Inglewood v Morley. **First division:** Armadale Pk (0) 0 Perth City (2) 6, Balcatta (1) 1 Stirling S (1) 2; Balga (3) 3 Queens Pk (3) 5, Leeming (1) 1 North Lake (1) 4, Southside (2) 2 Cockburn (0) 1; University W A (1) 2 Ashfield (4) 7

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Premier League: Adelaide R (1) 2 Port Lion (0) 0; Blue Eagles (1) 1 W T Birkalla (1) 1; Salisbury (0) 0 Campb'town (2) 3; Woodville (1) 2 Olympians (0) 1. **First division:** Adelaide City (0) 0 Elizabeth (2) 4, Croydon (4) 8 W Adelaide (0) 0; Cumberland (2) 6 Seaford (0) 0; Modbury (0) 1 Plympton (1) 3, Noarlunga (0) 0 Enfield (0) 1; Port Pirie (3) 4 Para Hills (1) 3

NEW SOUTH WALES: First division: Mt Pritchard (1) 2 West W (0) 0. **Postponed:** Greystanes v Stanmore.

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FORECAST: Half-time: telephone claims for 24pts — although winnings sent automatically — forecast good. 10 score draws and two no-score draws. **Full-time:** telephone claims for 23 and 24pts — although winnings sent automatically — forecast very good, eight score draws and no no-score draws.

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TENNIS: YOUNG HOPEFULS QUICK TO CAPITALISE ON THE POST-WIMBLEDON 'FEEL-GOOD' FACTOR

Barnes ready for brave new world

By John Goodbody

THE euphoria created by the exploits of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski at Wimbledon is giving tennis almost a surfeit of the "feel-good" factor. Nowhere is this more important than among the young, probably ensuring that tennis will become a significant growth sport in in Britain in the next decade.

This new enthusiasm is evident at the established centres of tennis. Ian Barclay, the director of the Lawn Tennis Association's boys elite squad at Bisham Abbey, said that the Wimbledon performances "have enthused all the younger ones to do better — they see that goals can be attained".

His view is echoed by Adrian Barnes, who last week led Repton to their eleventh victory in 16 years in the Glanvill Cup, played on the 12 clay courts of Queenswood School, Hertfordshire. These national championships are attracting record entries from a schools' membership that is now numbered at more than 3,000, compared to 1,700 in 1990.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Gillie Crump, the tournament director, is certain that the standard of schools' events is improving noticeably. "More people are taking up the sport at a younger age. Not only are the skills levels higher, they are also playing more tactically, rather than just getting the ball over the net."

British tennis is now not only attracting large numbers of young participants, it is fostering a genuine confidence in itself. As Barnes said: "In the past, if a British player got into a tight situation, you would assume they would somehow contrive to lose; now it is different."

Barnes pointed to the lessons for British youngsters in the way that Henman, who played for Reed's School, in Surrey, has applied himself to his game. He said: "Although he was clearly a good player, Henman himself was not an exceptional as a junior." Barnes himself reached the third round of the junior singles at Wimbledon this year. In the doubles, he met his partner, Ivanov Smolenski, of Russia, for the first time when they began their first-round match, yet they went on to reach the semi-finals.

The Glanvill Cup final was a repeat of 1996. Repton met Cheam HS, who were seeking to become the first state school to win the title in the 53 years of the competition. Repton had beaten Sevenoaks 5-1 in one semi-final, while Cheam edged out Millfield in the other by virtue of a count-back of games after the number of matches and sets were equal.

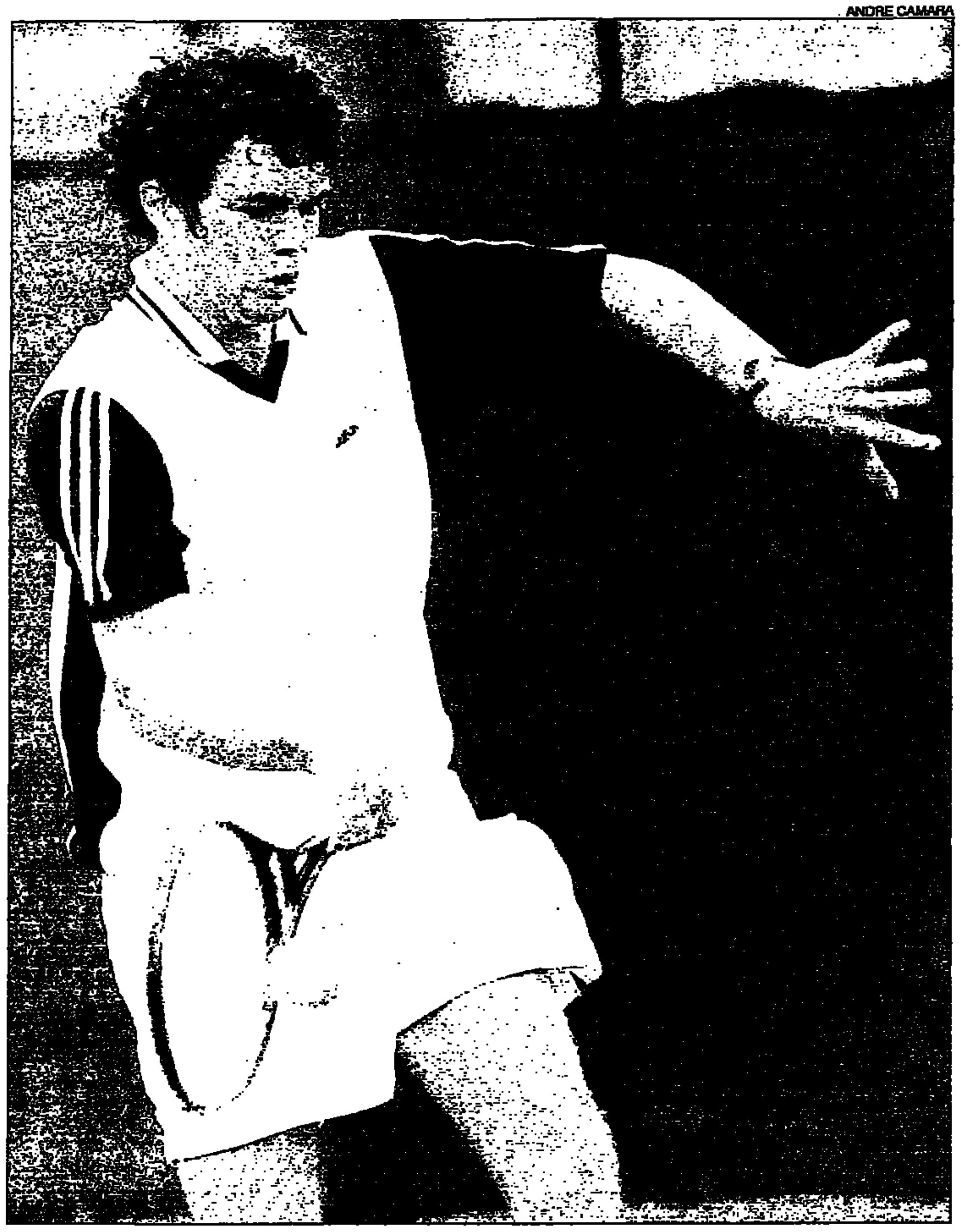
In another echo of last year, the score in the final was level at 2-2 after the four singles matches, with Barnes defeating Adrian Williams 6-3, 6-3 in the top singles.

Williams, from Cornwall, is one of 26 pupils on scholarships at Cheam, which is linked with the Sutton Junior Tennis Centre. The pupils, who live under supervision in four houses in the centre, are taken to the centre four times a day for coaching and practice. In a further "action replay", each school won one doubles match, but Repton had conceded fewer sets and so retained the title.

Both schools will lose two of their four-strong team next year, with Barnes going to the University of California at Berkeley on a tennis scholarship. He received an academic scholarship to Repton in English, has taken maths, physics and chemistry at A level, but will major in economics in the United States.

Much of his time will be spent with the university's squad, practising and travelling for competitions. He is uncertain about his ultimate future in the game. "It would be unwise to say I would like to be a professional. They train so hard. However, I will have to make a decision eventually." Roger Thompson, the man who has inspired Repton's recent success at tennis, said: "Barnes is the best player in my time. He has a big serve and can hit aggressively on both wings. He is also bright and so knows what is going on out there on court."

Repton's domination of the event has become almost a drug for him. "The more times we win, the more I want us to win. I understand how Steffi Graf must feel and how successful players want to go on and on."



ANDRE CAMARA

Barnes drives a typically fierce forehand during his victory over Williams in the Glanvill Cup

FINAL POSITIONS: Glanvill Cup (boys): 1, Repton; 2, Cheam HS; 3, Millfield; 4, Sevenoaks. Aberdare Cup (girls): 1, Central Newcastle; 2, Millfield; 3, Talbot Heath; 4, Queenswood

☐ Richard Mason, 14, of Eskdale School, Whitby, has won first prize in BBC Radio 5 Live's Passion for Sport competition. More than a thousand entries were received in a nationwide event in which enthusiasm for sport, rather than personal proficiency, determined the winner. The £1,500 prize-money will be spent on a "wall" for rebound practice or a tennis machine.

One of the judges, Sarah Hardcastle, the Olympic swimming medal-winner, said: "He was incredibly bubbly, but his enthusiasm was not forced. He comes from a little village and has to travel up to 50 miles to take part in a variety of sports. That shows real dedication."

Spirits soar as we head for home

James Capstick looks forward to life after *Ocean Rover* as Southampton, and the end of a Challenge, beckon

Within 24 hours of *Ocean Rover* finishing the penultimate leg of the BT Global Challenge, from Cape Town to Boston, I was on a plane heading home to England and my wife. It is quite hard now to remember exactly how I felt on arrival in Boston, except that I was very disappointed with our twelfth place and, to be honest, I had had enough of the boat and the crew. In many ways, this was a leg too far for me. The last race should have gone straight to Southampton from Cape Town.

I am sure that many of the others on board felt the same about me and getting away seemed the only thing to do. It is strange to think that we, as a crew, had sailed around the world through the worst conditions imaginable, but that it took a six-week sunny downwind leg to put me into an all-time low.

BT Global Challenge

The Southern Ocean legs are often merely a question of survival; you are so tired that you simply stand your watch then try to sleep. The leg to Boston, however, had left me, at any rate, with too much time to think. As I sat on the plane, I had already decided that I would not return for the last leg; I had sailed around the world, having crossed my outgoing track north of the Equator, and had nothing left to prove to myself.

I was very mindful of the fact that I was not exactly known for my patience and tolerance. I was making mountains out of molehills on the boat and the most insignificant incident would make me angry. I felt it would be better all round if I simply walked away from it.

My arrival home, I knew, would be a nice surprise for my family. I had not told them I was coming, in part because, having spoken to my wife, Tracey, on the radio-phone from the boat, she would have known what was going through my mind and was quite capable of cancelling my credit cards to prevent me from doing exactly what I intended.

It was great to see the family again and, for the first two days, Tracey let me bang on and feel sorry for myself until she thought I had done enough. Then she told me my fortune in no uncertain terms. The general theme was that, "if you think you're going to back out now after all the sacrifices we have made over the past four years . . ." — needless to say, ten days later I was on another plane back to Boston ready to race to Southampton and finish the Challenge.

As I write, I am sitting on *Ocean Rover* heading across "the pond" towards the end. The morale on the boat is high, as you would expect, and, despite the light winds and our ninth position, the boat is bubbling with talk of home. Plans are being made and, for the first time, talk centres on "post-Challenge" subjects.

Some of the crew will simply fall in where they left off, while others will have to face job seeking and bank managers. Our immediate arrival will be celebrated on Friday July 18 with a huge party and family day in Ocean Village for all the crews.

I just hope that all the boats are in because, due to the fickle winds, there is a real possibility that some will still be at sea and I, for one, would not feel comfortable attending a welcome-home party with some of the guests not present. As an old sergeant used to say to me, "I counted them out and I counted them in". I'm sure that Sir Chay Blyth knows this concept better than most.

For me, arriving home means about a month off before I return to the Metropolitan Police mounted branch, something that I am looking forward to and feel refreshed and ready for after a year away. The only drawback will be that I will have to get my hair cut and lose my ear-ring, the traditional sailor's way of celebrating "rounding the Horn". Oh, I almost forgot — while away, Tracey has arranged for us to move house and, having seen it and the work that needs to be done, I think my next challenge has already been chosen for me.

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Law Report July 14 1997 Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Police entitled to make limited disclosure of paedophiles' whereabouts

Regina v Chief Constable of North Wales Police and Others, Ex parte AB and Another

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Justice Buxton

[Judgment July 10]

As a general principle, based on a fundamental rule of good public administration rather than on any duty of confidence, the police should not disclose damaging information about individuals which had been acquired in the course of their operations unless there was a specific justification for doing so.

A policy formulated by a regional police authority, which had recognised that principle in relation to the release of information about former paedophile offenders in their area, and had required specific consideration of each case with disclosure only after high level agreement, was accordingly lawful, as was police conduct, taken in conformity with the policy, disclosing to a caravan site owner that such individuals were staying on his site.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, dismissing an application for judicial review by AB and CD of the policy of the North Wales Police and the decision of Wrexham Police on March 27, 1997 to inform the owner of a caravan site at Ruabon of the applicants' presence at the site. The Secretary of State for the Home Department and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders were also respondents.

The applicants, who were married, were released from prison having served long sentences for serious sexual offences committed against a number of children. They had moved from the area where the offences had been committed first to the North of England and subsequently to North Wales.

On each occasion, their arrival had been greeted by publicity in the local press and an angry response from neighbours. In October 1996 they obtained a caravan which they moved on to a site near Wrexham. By January 1997 North Wales Police had received Northumbria Police's report that the applicants presented a considerable risk to children and vulnerable people within the community where they settled.

Since they intended to remain in the area, North Wales Police were concerned at the risk if they remained on the site during the Easter holidays, due to begin on March 28, when a large number of young children would be there.

An officer of the police child protection team and members of the local social services department and probation service met on several occasions to consider the problem and what assistance could be given to the applicants.

As a result the officer met the applicants, sought their agreement to visit a psychiatrist, which they tentatively gave while expressing the threat that they might go to ground, and told them to move before the beginning of the Easter holidays.

When they did not do so, after discussion with senior police officers, an officer visited the site owner and showed him material relating to their convictions and sentences, which had appeared in the local press. Having seen the material the owner told the applicants to move on and they immediately did so.

In response to concerns at the risk of re-offending by convicted paedophiles North Wales Police formulated a policy, finalised in written form in March 1997, that:

1 The police's duty was to protect the public and that disclosure of information, only on a need to know basis, was defensible where an officer acted in the honest belief that it was necessary for the protection of a person who might otherwise become a victim of crime.

2 The general principle, as stated in Home Office Circular 45/86, remained that police information should not be disclosed unless there were important public interest considerations to justify departure from that general rule; one such exception being the protection of vulnerable members of the public.

3 Where disclosure of a person's name or personal details was thought necessary in the public interest a report had to be submitted first to CID headquarters for advice from the force solicitor whose agreement was to be received prior to further action.

Mr Stephen Solley, QC and Mr Jonathan Crystal for the applicants; Miss Presiley Baxendale, QC and Mr Pushpinder Saini for the police; Mr James Eadie for the Home Secretary; Mr Michael Douglas, QC, for NACRO.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the case illustrated in an acute way the tension which might arise between the interests of a former sex offender and those of the community.

The offender had served his sentence. He had, it was often said, paid his debt to society. He had regained his freedom and wished to resume normal life with a job, settled accommodation and access to any medical and therapeutic services he might need. He wanted to put the past behind him, living peaceably and anonymously in his habitation.

Those were aims which an offender was entitled to pursue and which, during what might be a long term of imprisonment, he would be encouraged to pursue. It was in his interest that he should be enabled to reintegrate himself into the ordinary life of the community.

But there was a darker side to the picture. Some who committed serious sex offences against the young had an incurable propensity to act in that way.

Despite imprisonment, treatment and, it might be, a resolve to avoid commission of further offences, the pattern of previous offending might be repeated or even more serious offences be committed.

It was in the interest of the community that those who might be victims of further offences should be protected against that risk.

The present case raised the practical issues: what should the police do, if anything, on learning that a convicted paedophile had been released into the local community; and what should the police have done?

The Home Secretary had submitted that a policy adopted by the police to guide its conduct should observe three principles:

1 There was a general presumption that information should not be disclosed. That was based on recognition of the potentially serious effect on the ability of the convicted people to live a normal life, the risk of violence to them and the risk that disclosure might drive them underground.

2 There was a strong public interest in ensuring that police were able to disclose information about offenders where it was necessary for the prevention or detection of crime or for the protection of young or other vulnerable people.

3 Each case should be considered carefully on its own facts, assessing the risk by the offender, the vulnerability of those at risk and the impact of disclosure on the offender. In making that assessment the police should normally consult other relevant agencies.

His Lordship accepted the first principle. When, in the course of performing its public duties, a public body such as the police came into possession of information relating to a member of the public, being information not generally available and potentially damaging to that member if disclosed, the body ought not to disclose it save for the purpose of and to the extent necessary for performance of its public duty.

That principle would not prevent the police from making factual statements concerning police operations, even if they involved a report that an individual had been arrested or charged, but it would prevent disclosure of damaging information about individuals acquired by the police in the course of their operations unless there was a specific public justification for such disclosure.

The principle did not rest on the existence of a duty of confidence owed by the public body to the member of the public, although it might well be that such a duty might in certain circumstances arose, but on a fundamental rule of good public administration, which the law had to recognise and if necessary enforce.

However, the general rule was not absolute. The police had a job to do.

His Lordship referred to dicta of Viscount Cave, Lord Chancellor, in *Glasbrook Brothers Ltd v Glamorgan County Council* ([1925] AC 270, 277) and of Lord Parker, Lord Chief Justice, in *Rice v Connolly* ([1966] 2 QB 414, 419), to the effect that the police had an obligation to take all steps necessary to keep the peace, prevent and detect crime, protect property and bring an offender to justice.

His Lordship said that it followed that if the police, having obtained information about an individual, which it would be damaging to that individual to disclose and which should not be disclosed without some public justification, considered in the exercise of a careful and bona fide judgment that it was desirable or necessary in the public interest to make disclosure, whether for the purpose of preventing crime or alerting members of the public to an apprehended danger, it was proper for them to make such limited disclosure as was judged necessary to achieve that purpose.

The third principle was necessary and important. It would plainly be objectionable if a police force were to adopt a blanket policy of disseminating information about previous offenders regardless of the facts of the individual case or the nature of the previous offending or risk of further offending.

While it was permissible for a public body to formulate rules governing its general approach to the exercise of a discretion it was essential that they were sufficiently flexible to take account of particular or unusual circumstances.

In a situation such as the present where the potential damage to the individual and potential harm to members of the community were so great and obvious it could never be acceptable if decisions were made without very close regard to the particular facts of the case.

The consultation of other agencies, assuming time permitted, was a valuable safeguard against partial or ill-considered conclusions.

Those principles were consistent with the statutory policy expressed in section 28(1) of the Data Protection Act 1984 and with the policy recognised by the court in *R v Brown (Gregory)* ([1994] QB 547) and *Hellewell v Chief Constable of Derbyshire* ([1995] 1 WLR 804).

Judged against those tests the policy adopted by the North Wales Police was not open to legal challenge. It recognised the general principle that police information about former paedophile offenders should not be disclosed unless the public interest required it.

It acknowledged that disclosure could only be justified for the protection of a member of the public who might otherwise become the victim of crime and who might be in need of protection.

It was implicit in the policy that each case would be considered on its merits and explicit that clearance at the highest level was to be obtained before disclosure was made.

It was plain that North Wales Police did not have a blanket policy and did not in fact disclose information about the applicants without careful consideration of the consequences of doing so and not doing so. That ground of challenge failed.

His Lordship also rejected the grounds of challenge to the lawfulness of the police conduct, namely: harassment contrary to section 3 of the Caravan Sites Act 1968, and a complaint under section 1 of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977, by the officer's disclosure on March 27 of the press material to the site owner; misfeasance in public office; and breach of article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights.

With regard to alleged breach of confidence, his Lordship said that the applicants accepted that their convictions and sentences formally announced in open court were information in the public domain and as such subject to no duty of confidence in the hands of the police.

It was difficult to accept that the information held by North Wales Police was the subject of any such duty but even if it was, it was clear that the circumstances were such as to entitle them to make the disclosure. That complaint failed also.

Although the North Wales Police policy and conduct fell well within the bounds of legality the applicants had drawn attention to a pressing social problem. It was not acceptable that those who had undergone the lawful punishment imposed by the courts should be the subject of intimidation and private vengeance, harried from parish to parish like paupers under the old Poor Law.

It was not only in their interest but in the interest of society as a whole that they should be enabled, and if need be helped, to live normal, lawful lives.

While the risk of repeated offending might in some circumstances justify a limited measure of official disclosure a general policy of disclosure could never be justified and the media should be slow to obstruct the rehabilitation of former offenders who had not offended again and who were seriously bent on reform.

Mr Justice Buxton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mr Michael Purdon, Newcastle upon Tyne; Mrs Jennifer Trigger, Colwyn Bay; Treasury Solicitor; Eversheds, Birmingham.

Indemnity insurance defined

Callaghan and Another v Dominion Insurance Company Ltd and Others

Before Sir Peter Webster

[Judgment May 8]

Indemnity insurance was properly defined as an agreement by the insurer to confer on the insured a contractual right, which came into existence immediately loss was suffered by the happening of an insured event, to be put by the insurer into the same position in which he would have been had that event not occurred.

The cause of action for breach of such an insurance contract, whether marine or property insurance, arose at the date of the loss, from the failure of the insurer to prevent the insured person from suffering loss.

Sir Peter Webster, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when striking out the claim of Anthony Callaghan and Linda Hedges, trading as Stage 3 Discotheque, against Dominion Insurance Company Ltd, Sirius Insurance Company Ltd, Royal London General Insurance Company Ltd, Bryanston Insurance Company Ltd, City Fire Insurance Company Ltd and Bimeh Iran Insurance Company Ltd, on the ground that it was statute-barred by section 5 of the Limitation Act 1980.

Mr David Fisher for the plaintiffs; Mr Simon Browne-Wilkinson for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the case arose out of a policy of fire insurance.

The question was whether a cause of action arose at the date of the fire on the plaintiffs' property in 1989, or on the avoidance of the policy in 1990. The defendants contended that it was the former and that therefore the claim was statute-barred, having been brought in 1996.

Mr Browne-Wilkinson submitted that a contract of indemnity gave rise to an action for unliquidated damages arising from the indemnifier's failure to prevent the indemnified person from suffering loss, and that once the loss was suffered, the indemnifier was in breach of contract for having failed to hold the indemnified person harmless against the relevant loss or expense. He argued that therefore the cause of action arose at the date of loss and that that applied to property as well as to marine insurance.

That was supported by a number of authorities, particularly *Firma C-Trades SA v Newcastle Protection and Indemnity Association* ([1991] 2 AC 1 35-36) per Lord Goff of Chieveley, and the judgment of Mr Justice Hirst in *Ventouris v Mountain* ([1992] 2 Lloyd's Rep 281) who held that Lord Goff's statement of the law applied to property insurance as well as to indemnity insurance.

Against those authorities was the obiter dictum of Judge Michael Kershaw, QC, in *Transthene Packaging Co Ltd v Royal Insurance (UK) Ltd* ([1996] LRLR 32) where he declined to follow the decision of Mr Justice Hirst, saying that "an insurer under a policy of property insurance does not necessarily contract that the relevant contingencies will not occur".

In his Lordship's opinion, Judge Kershaw had misunderstood both Lord Goff and Mr Justice Hirst. Neither was saying that such an insurer contracted that the contingencies would not occur, but that immediately loss was suffered by the occurrence of the contingent event the insurer came under a liability to indemnify the insured against that loss.

His Lordship went on to define indemnity insurance as an agreement by the insurer to confer on the insured a contractual right, which came into existence immediately when loss was suffered by the happening of an event insured against, to be put by the insurer into the same position in which the insured would have been had the event not occurred.

The quantification of the amount of the plaintiff's claim was not a pre-requisite to a cause of action. His Lordship distinguished between the primary liability to indemnify, which arose immediately loss occurred, and the secondary liability to put the insured in his pre-loss position.

Solicitors: Dakers Green Brett, Maidstone; Charles Russell.

Assessing wife's financial needs

Conran v Conran

Before Mr Justice Wilson

[Judgment June 27]

In determining ancillary relief applications the court had a wide discretion to assess a wife's reasonable requirements and then to adjust for the contribution, not necessarily financial, that she had made to the welfare of the family during the marriage by taking into account, in particular, any special talents she might have.

Mr Justice Wilson so stated in the Family Division in a reserved judgment handed down in chambers and reported with leave, in the light of the consent of both parties, on the wife's application for a lump sum payment under section 25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

Mr Gordon Murdoch, QC and Miss Gillian Brasse for the wife; Mr Paul Coleridge, QC and Mr Andrew Moylan for the husband.

MR JUSTICE WILSON said that there were two possible ways in which to approach the quantification of reasonable requirements and contribution.

The one suggested in *Dart v Dart* ([1996] 2 FLR 286) was to recognise that an objective appraisal of requirements should take into account all the criteria in section 25 of the 1973 Act, including not only available assets and standard of living, but also contribution to the marriage.

However, on the wording of that section it was difficult to fit an allowance for contribution into an analysis of a spouse's needs; and the view that contributions were outside the compass of the phrase "reasonable requirements" was supported by *Preston v Preston* ([1982] Fam 17).

Perhaps the less strained approach, not that it would affect the result, would be to survey the wife's reasonable requirements and then to place her contribution, taking into account the nexus between that and the creation of the resources, into the balance.

The wife's reasonable requirements would be set at £8,400,000. The question of any adjustment for her contribution remained.

It was fair to say that the wife, who at the time of the marriage 30 years previously was a successful journalist in her own right, had made a formidable contribution as a mother to a total of five children and stepchildren, as a housewife with exceptional talents as a cook and hostess, and as a significant participator in the foundation of Habitat.

Like the husband, she was creative, energetic and stylish; he could hardly have chosen a wife better able to contribute to his business ideas.

As her active involvement in Habitat declined, she became increasingly well known as a cookery writer and that too contributed to the husband's success in the area of restaurants and fine food.

While there was no issue about the phenomenal scale of the husband's contribution to the welfare of the family, hers also, in every sense, was outstanding.

Although substantial increase in wealth had occurred since the breakdown of the marriage, the type of business, namely smart shops and smart restaurants, had remained the same.

Given the continuing link with the shining culinary aspects of the wife's contribution, and while not attempting to equate their roles or to ascribe to her a particular fraction of the joint wealth, the wife's contribution should receive due recognition and accordingly the award would bring her wealth in total to £10,500,000. That would still leave the husband with more than £75,000,000.

Solicitors: Rooks Rider; Miles Preston & Co.

Detaining mental patient in hospital

In re Whitbread (Mental patient: Habeas corpus)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Phillips

[Judgment June 24]

A patient was not to be admitted and detained in hospital for treatment under section 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983 unless the mandatory statutory requirements were satisfied. But it was desirable for there to be a flexibility in approach on the part of an approved social worker to any possible admission.

Section 11(4) of the Act required consultation between the social worker and the patient's nearest relative but was not to be construed as imposing a chronological sequence for complying with the pre-conditions to an application for admission.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the patient, Mr Peter Whitbread, from the refusal by Mr Justice Forbes on February 4, 1997, of his motion for a writ of habeas corpus directed to Kingston and District National Health Trust and Richmond London Borough Council on the ground that his detention in Tolworth Hospital was unlawful.

Section 11 of the 1983 Act provides: "(4) … no [application for admission for treatment] shall be made by such a social worker except after consultation with the … nearest relative of the patient unless it appears to that social worker that in the circumstances such consultation is not reasonably practical or would involve unreasonable delay."

Mr Kris Gledhill for the patient; Mr Roger McCarthy, QC, for the trust; Mr Clive Lewis for the council.

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that the patient was aged 52 and had a long history of mental disorder that had led to his admission to hospital on many occasions. His nearest relative, as defined in the Act, was his father.

In August 1996 a consultant psychiatrist decided the patient should be assessed with a view to admission to hospital for treatment pursuant to section 3 of the Act.

In the circumstances, Miss Ellis, an approved social worker and the patient's care manager, had a consultation with the father, explaining to him that the compulsory admission was being considered. The father agreed that his son should be admitted to hospital.

Thereafter the patient took steps to avoid the planned assessment but in October was apprehended, interviewed by the social worker, assessed by two medical practitioners and admitted to hospital under section 3.

The applicant contended that on a true interpretation of section 11(4), where the application for admission was made by an approved social worker, the consultation that it required had to take place after the social worker had seen the patient in accordance with section 11(5). In this case that had occurred in October.

It followed, it was said, that the consultation in August did not satisfy the subsection and the admission was in consequence unlawful: see *In re S-C (Mental patient: Habeas corpus)* ([1996] QB 599).

Mr Justice Forbes had rejected the patient's interpretation because it involved removing the flexibility in approach of the social worker to a possible admission under section 3.

The judge was correct. The 1983 Act set out a complex scheme which was designed to ensure that a patient was not admitted under section 3 unless that course was clearly warranted. It accorded to the safeguards different weights and different priorities.

Paramount importance was attached to the opinion of the medical practitioners (see sections 3, 6 and 12).

So far as the social worker was concerned the Act imposed a number of duties and requirements in relation to the making of the application for admission which were set out in section 13.

Turning to section 11(4) of the Act, the second part of the subsection required the social worker to consult with the nearest relative as a pre-condition to making the application. No express provision was made as to when such consultation had to take place. But a nexus had to exist between the consultation and the application for admission that was subsequently made. The consultation had to relate to that application and had to place the nearest relative in a position, if so minded, to object to it.

The wording of section 11(4) did not justify implying into the Act a requirement for a chronological sequence of the pre-conditions to an application that the Act had not expressed.

It was true that the subsection did not impose as strong a safeguard against an application being made contrary to the wishes of the nearest relative as it might have done.

The Act might well have required the written consent of the nearest relative to the making of an application. That it did not might well reflect a deliberate decision to strike a balance between the viewpoint of the nearest relative, which might be emotive and irrational, and the desirability of an admission where all the pre-conditions were satisfied, so that a positive objection had been required if an application was to be prevented.

In an Act where some of the requirements were so precise, it was right to be cautious about implying a need for precision where that was not expressed.

Lord Justice Nourse delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Roch agreed.

Solicitors: Anthony Stokoe, Kingston upon Thames; Bevan Ashford, Bristol; Mr Richard Mellor, Twickenham.

Enforcing condition of licence

Phonographic Performance Ltd v AEI Rediffusion Music Ltd

Before Mr Justice Lightman

[Judgment June 18]

A person authorised to broadcast a sound recording under section 68 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 was statutorily licensed to make a copy of that recording for the purpose of making the broadcast on condition that the copy was destroyed within 28 days of its being first used for broadcasting, and nothing in section 135C(1) of the 1988 Act, as amended by the Broadcasting Act 1990, extended the period such copies might be kept before destruction.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in the Chancery Division, giving judgment for the plaintiff, Phonographic Performance Ltd, on an application under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court and answering in the negative the question whether section 135C(1) of the 1988 Act, which conferred on broadcasters a statutory licence to broadcast sound recordings, also conferred the right to make copies of those recordings for the purpose of their broadcasts and to retain such copies more than 28 days after their first use for broadcasting.

Mr Jonathan Rayner James, QC, for PPL; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Hodge Malek for AEI.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the defendant, AEI Rediffusion Music Ltd, a broadcaster providing a satellite delivered music service to subscribers, found the condition of destruction of copies within 28 days attached to its licence to broadcast sound recordings unduly onerous and the insistence by PPL, the relevant copyright owner, upon compliance with the condition oppressive.

PPL sought injunctive relief requiring compliance. AEI contended that it had a statutory right to make and retain copies under section 135C(1) of the 1988 Act, as amended.

Section 135C(1) provided that a person who included in a broadcast any sound recording and complied with the statutory requirements specified: "shall be in the same position as regards infringement of copyright as if he had at all material times been the holder of a licence granted by the owner of the copyright in question".

Section 135C(1) was directed only at protecting the broadcaster against what would otherwise be infringement of the copyright owner's exclusive right to broadcast the recording: it was in no wise concerned with the making by the broadcaster of copies of sound recordings or the protection of the broadcaster from infringement proceedings in respect of making copies.

There was no justification for implying into the statutory licence a right to make copies to make effective the grant of the right to broadcasters to carry on their business.

Unless PPL was willing to grant a more extensive licence, broadcasters had to make do with their limited statutory rights under section 68. PPL had in fact expressed a willingness to grant an extended licence and was currently considering AEI's proposed terms.

Solicitors: Green David Conway & Co; Frere Cholmeley Bischoff.

Injunction purpose

Phonographic Performance Ltd v Maitra and Others

The purpose of injunctions granted to Phonographic Performance Ltd was to protect it from future unlicensed playing of recordings in its repertoire; not to provide it with a lever with which to extract payments for past unlicensed playing.

Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division on June 19, when

(i) granting PPL injunctions, to take effect after 28 days or such later date as the parties might agree in writing, restraining two defendants from playing unlicensed recordings, to continue until whichever should first occur of (a) the day seven months after the date of his Lorship's order, or (b) the day on which the defendant should first obtain a licence from PPL to play such recordings in public;

(ii) refusing, in relation to five defendants, to extend the periods of six-month injunctions granted against each of them on October 18, 1996;

(iii) extending the period of a six-month injunction then granted against Saibal Maitra, who had taken out a licence from PPL on April 21, 1997 after attendance, compelled by the issue on April 17 of a bench warrant, before Mr Justice Lightman, until April 8, 1998 or such earlier date as he might obtain a renewal of his current licence.

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36.10	Burn Stewart	44	- 6	9.7	11.0
132.30	Glenmorangie 'A'	972½		1.7	24.0
12,996.60	Grand Met	616¼	+ 2½	3.3	19.6
11,960.90	Guinness	616	+ 3	3.3	17.6
442.20	Highland Distl	331½	+ ½	3.2	15.5
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3,344.40	Allied Irish	497	+ 5½	3.7	14.1
6,634.10	Aus New Z	445	+	4.2	
32,127.10	Bank America	3937½	- 146¼		
5,023.80	Bank Scotland	419	+ 7	2.5	12.7
18,458.90	Barclays	1216	- 31½	3.2	12.3
3,486.70	Bk of Ireland	725	+ 40½	2.8	
36,880.40	Citicorp	7578¼	- 109¾		
6,532.20	Commerzbk	1619¾	- 21¼	2.9	
23,180.80	Dai Ichi Kan Y	726¼	- 68¾	0.6	
17,638.90	Deutsche Bk	3625	+ 12½	1.7	
432.20	Espirito Santo	1090¾	- 3¾	3.2	
23,241.70	Fuji Bank Y	802¼	- 40	0.6	
77,104.30	HSBC	1961½	+ 8½	2.6	17.0
33,703.50	HSBC HK	1874½	+ 9	2.7	16.2
19,101.10	Halifax	767	- 14½	2.7	22.7
498.80	Irish Perm	590	+ 15	2.8	
35,816.90	Lloyds TSB	665	- 16	2.5	21.5
13,083.50	Nat Aust Bk	874½	+ 17¾	4.5	15.5
14,868.70	Nat West	868½	- 19	4.2	13.0
4,981.50	Ryl Bk Scot†	607½	+ 3	4.0	13.1
9,627.90	Stand Chart	973½	- 18½	1.9	17.5
16,061.10	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	
6,325.00	Westpac	356	+ 4	4.1	
4,792.00	Woolwich	299½		3.3	17.9

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7,340.90	Bass†	828½	- 52½	3.9	15.5
15.60	Bdk for the Bar	47½	- 1	4.9	
30.40	Burtonwood Brw	146	- 1½	4.9	13.1
244.60	City Centre Rest	126	- ½	2.5	29.9
1,964.40	Compass Gp	605	- 50	1.9	22.1
61.30	Eldridge P A†	289		2.4	15.9
61.40	Fuller Smi 'A'	445		2.8	
1,389.80	Greenalls Grp	470	+ 33½	4.2	11.7
422.00	Greene King†	697½	+ 30	2.9	
24.80	Grosvenor Inns	174½	+ 2	4.4	16.9
47.60	Group Chez Ger	254½	+ 11	1.4	25.0
53.40	Hardy Hanson†	267	+ ¼	5.1	11.9
80.50	Holt J	2775		2.7	16.4
49.80	Inn Business	65	- ½	3.0	14.1
217.80	Mansfield†	333½	- 3	2.6	

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,925.70	Electrocomponts†	428	- 3½	2.2	24.1
78.40	Eurodis Elec	133½	- 1	4.6	19.0
47.30	European Mo	88	- ¼	8.3	7.5
73.00	Evans Halshaw	227½	+ 4	9.1	*
6.12	Fife Indmat	39½		10.4	7.9
255.20	Firelest Grp	223½	- 1½	2.8	18.4
28.40	Gardner	267½		4.8	9.6
18.50	Glenchester	65	- ½	2.6	12.8
8.50	Gowrings	95½	+ 1½	3.9	21.7
23.30	HR Owen	13½	- 1½	5.8	12.9
8.24	Hardid	78	- 4½	27.2	2.6
26.60	Harris (Philip)†	239½	- 5½	5.2	8.2
199.40	Headlam	309½		2.3	20.4
6.40	Holders Tech	160	- 1½	5.1	14.6
77.10	ISA Intl	198½	- 4	7.9	15.2
1,504.70	Inchcape	294½	+ 7	4.6	17.4
7.27	Jacks (Wm)	65½		4.3	10.1
450.10	Kwik-Fit	356	- 12½	2.7	18.3
335.00	Les Service	373½	- 3½	5.4	12.3
35.73	Lockers	107		9.6	7.5
58.00	Middlesex	7½	+ ¼	1.7	
3.40	Midsales†	16	- ½	3.8	3.3
24.50	Norbain	233½	+ 3	4.7	
46.70	Northamber	137		1.3	8.2
240.80	Parico	335	- 9	3.0	17.5
138.40	Pendragon	357½	- 1	3.5	16.5
47.70	Perry Gp	186½		6.0	8.8
1,246.60	Premier Farnell	459	- 2½	3.3	17.0
32.70	Quicks Group	140½	- 1	6.2	9.5
31.90	REA†	350		1.4	43.1
2.54	Reece	2			23.3
13.00	Reeson	14½		2.2	
3.32	Ross Gp	2¼	- ½		
25.60	Rylard	86½	- 2	5.8	15.5
30.40	SEP Intl	33½		5.8	15.4
9.97	Saltrer	38½		3.9	
168.00	Time Products†	310	+ ½	4.6	11.8
46.70	UNIDEC†	374		2.2	20.4
91.30	United Dseas Gp	76½	- 1½		16.6
181.00	Lamb (Reg)	284½	- 16	3.4	
97.10	WF Steel	665	- 3	2.6	24.7
28.90	Wilshaw	30½	+ 2½	3.5	
81.90	Wyko	117½	- 2½	2.8	13.7
31.40	Young (H)	141½		3.8	12.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
691.50	Antofagasta	440	- 5	1.5	23.2
168.60	Accel Prpts	232½	- 2½	2.8	38.8
16,332.50	Brown Hld	822	- 47¾	2.7	20.4
7,908.60	BTR	196		6.1	8.5
16,736.00	BAT	533	- 16	6.0	11.5
1,439.90	Bentley Ln	54	- 3¼	8.8	8.8
1,282.70	Cookson	186½	- 1	5.8	11.7
25.20	Cosalt	334½	- 6	6.4	8.7
306.30	DCC	369½	+ 4½	2.4	13.8
1,923.80	Gallaher	355	- 6	9.1	10.1
137.90	Grampian Hdgs	122½	+ 2	6.1	10.7
932.60	Hanson Confid	117½	+ 2	9.6	11.1
19,368.50	Hutch Whamp	507¼	+ 20¾	1.9	21.9
1,904.30	Imperial Tob	365½	- 10½	6.8	7.3
3,252.90	Jardine Math	425	- 10½	3.5	

Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
61.10	Sq Handcraft	109½	- 3	5.7	2.5
2,200.60	Smiths Ind	721½	- 17	2.9	17.5
472.00	Spirax-Sarco	596	- 50½	3.1	15.7
75.70	Sterling Inc	249	- 5½	5.0	12.1
2,361.20	TI	495	+ 21½	3.7	16.5
19.20	Tinsley (E)	111½		7.1	
154.20	TransTec	92½	- 2	3.2	13.1
108.60	Triplex Lloyd	165	+ 10	5.5	
82.70	Uscom Intl	217½		3.6	
24.60	Utd Incs	55	- 3½	5.5	15.9
584.70	Vickers	173½	- 19	5.2	10.4
11.80	Villes Grp	10	+ ½		
254.70	Vitec	524	- 42	2.9	9.5
242.60	Vosper Thorny†	746½	- 13½	4.4	12.1
116.30	Wagon Ind	221½	+ 4	6.9	11.0

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
26.50	Edinburgh Inca	32¾	+ ½		
1,135.50	Edinburgh IT	386½	- 2½	3.5	38.8
43.20	Edn Japan	125½	- 1½		
340.70	Edn US Tst	409	- 4½	1.7	70.0
805.80	Electra Invt	465½	- 2½	2.4	43.6
106.40	English Nat	256½	- 8½	0.2	
254.10	Eng & Scot	155¼	- ½	2.4	40.4
97.60	European Assel	391½	- 1½	1.2	
103.00	Fidity Asian Val	100¼	+ 1		
156.70	Fidity Euro Val	274½	+ 3	0.2	
48.70	Fidity Jap Val	46¼	- 1		
46.00	Fidity Spec Val	125	- 1		
34.60	Foreign A	216½		2.3	59.0
187.40	Frwe Air Chile	205	+ 1½	1.4	
0.54	Frwe Air Wts	30¾	+ ½		

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1.94	Murray S/C Uts	3750		4.0	
262.00	Murray Small	467	+ 2½	1.6	
99.30	Murray Vent	402	- 1	4.6	22.5
1.99	Newmarket	9½			
167.60	O'seas Inv Tst	440	- 4	1.1	
4.44	O'seas Wts	247½			
131.60	Pacific Assets	101¼	- ¼	0.5	
201.10	Perp Inc Gth	116½		3.9	
19.20	Perpetual Jap	52½	- ½		
41.80	Perpt Ur Sm Co	297½	- 6	4.0	26.6
30.30	Personal Assets	£151½	+ 200	1.9	49.8
62.20	Proldic Inc	119	+ ¼	4.9	27.3
475.40	RIT Cap Ptnrt	262½	+ 1	0.9	77.5
6.25	Robeco	534¾	- 7	2.0	
34.50	Rolinco†	542½	- 7½	1.0	

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,052.10	Flextech	871	- 32½		
151.60	GGT Group	217½	- 4	3.4	15.2
186.80	GWR Gp†	171½	+ ½	2.0	28.0
51.80	Geerhouse Group	336½	+ 16	2.3	16.8
12.90	Goodhead	32	+ 5	1.0	19.5
104.10	Grampian	315½		2.9	21.7
385.10	HTV Group	412½		1.3	49.6
14.80	Haynes Pub	225		6.0	10.3
11.00	Highbury Hse	12½			
68.80	Hodder H'line	195		4.2	14.7
25.90	Home Counts	258	+ 5½	2.7	54.3
152.30	IBC	388½	- 2	3.0	14.0
92.20	Incepta	19	- 1		20.5
872.40	Independent	352½	+ 5	2.0	
5.06	Interuropa	110		4.5	8.8

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
110.00	INVESCO Eng Int	173½	- 2	0.9	72.3
16.00	INVESCO Jap Dis	57¼	- 1¼		
29.10	INVESCO Korea	67½	- 2		
49.60	INVESCO Tokyo	44¼	- 1		
29.30	J Fry 2nd UT	101	- 3	9.2	13.7
11.00	J Fry Euro U	109	+ ½	5.4	16.5
97.60	JF Fledg Jap	155	- 3		
37.30	Jupiter Er Inc	100½	- 1½	9.8	9.9
0.54	Jupiter Er IncWt	9			
11.40	Jupiter Grd Cap	81½	+ 1½	11.9	10.0
12.60	Jupiter Grd Ptd	36			
34.70	Jupiter Intl Grn	138	+ 3	3.5	
297.30	Klnwt Chrt	367	+ 2	2.0	54.7
32.10	Klnwt E Mkt	113½			
50.00	Klnwt End	166½	- 1		

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
168.30	Jurys Hotel	380½	+ 40½	2.1	
51.20	Kunick	22	- ¼	4.3	13.5
2,934.10	Ladbroke	249½	+ 6	3.1	27.5
544.60	London Clubs†	371½	+ 3½	2.8	23.2
102.30	Macdonald Htlst	174½	- 2	3.2	
421.90	Man Utd	650	+ 13½	1.1	29.7
534.80	Mandarin Orntl	76	+ 1¼	4.9	
539.80	Millennium & Cop	372½	- 1	1.6	15.7
179.80	Newcastle Utd	125½	- 6	1.6	
139.00	Northern	255		2.6	22.7
14.20	Prism Leisure	167½	- 5	5.5	
34.80	Queensborough	31		1.2	12.1
58.00	Queens Moat	15	- ¼		10.0
3,089.00	Rank Grp	368½	+ 9	5.8	29.3
38.50	Ryan Hotels Ict	53½	+ 2	4.1	11.2

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
30.10	Klnwt H Inc	100½	- 1	12.6	10.6
264.70	Klnwt O'seas	330	+ 2½	1.5	64.0
22.30	Klnwt Smlr	168½	- 1	2.7	45.0
120.30	Korea—Euro	342¾	- 4¾	0.3	
139.10	Latin American	154½	+ 4		
252.30	Law Debenture	1087½	+ 33	2.9	33.0
36.50	Life Off Opp	114½	- 1		
28.20	Lloyds Sm Cap	115		1.4	23.7
4.78	Lloyds Sm Dw	19½	+ ½	26.3	4.8
33.00	Lloyds Sm Ptg	134½	+ ½	3.8	
54.60	Lon St Lawrence	166½		4.7	26.7
69.90	Lowland	295	- 1	4.8	22.9
71.60	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	717½			
6.65	M&G 2nd Dual Inf	66½	- 1½		
67.40	M&G Inc Geared	61		11.6	10.9
90.00	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	36½	- ¼		
59.20	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	24	- ¼	29.4	4.3
194.60	M&G Inc Package	133½	+ ½	5.3	23.9

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
404.00	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1412½	- 17½	1.5	
33.20	Sheffield United	46½	- 1½		
53.70	Sinclair (Wm)	237½	- 10	4.3	13.6
26.50	Southampton	97½	+ 1½	1.3	
787.00	Stakis	103	- 1	2.8	16.3
331.10	Stanley Leisure	301	+ 6	1.5	29.9
6.82	Tandem	7½	- ¼		
1,300.10	Tanpopo	346		1.4	23.7
879.40	Thistle Hotels	142½	- 6½	3.2	13.9
100.10	Tottenham Hot	99½		0.9	17.1
21.30	Toy Options†	101½	- 1	4.6	7.6
85.00	VCI	218½	- 7	4.5	11.1
140.30	Vardon	107	+ ½	2.2	15.3
186.10	Wembley	336½	- 9½	0.7	10.9
6.46	Zetters Gp	91		13.7	9.2

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
176.80	Rutland Tst	58½	- ¼	3.0	15.0
19.60	SEC Group	198½	- 14½	5.8	7.7
39.20	S & U	332	+ 13	6.8	8.4
2,657.60	Schroders	1760	+ 30	1.4	19.2
697.50	Schroders N/V	1550	+ 20	1.6	18.9
87.80	Secure Tst	585		4.3	13.2
279.60	Singer & Fried	139½	+ 3½	4.2	11.9
5.54	Towry Law	35			
2.71	Trio Hldgs	3¼			
20.20	Union	76		2.5	
33.30	Wintrust	387½	+ 7½	4.5	

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,016.90	Brit Biotech	154½	- 62		
136.50	Cantab Pharms	827½	- 27½		
189.10	Celltech	247½	- 20		
251.00	Chiroscience	235	- 24		
286.50	Cortecs	189			
46,837.50	Glaxo Wellc	1317	- 16½	3.1	27.2
229.10	ML Laboratories	158	- ½		23.3
918.80	Medeva	258	- 1	2.3	
108.90	Peptide Therap	307			
119.10	Powderject	201½	- 1		
25.00	Proteus Intl	45	- 2½		
226.90	Scotia	233½	- 24		
199.70	Shire Pharms	287½	+ 1		
306.80	SkyePharma	88½	+ 1½		
33,254.50	SmithKline†	1204	+ 18	1.7	30.1
68.00	Therp Antib Inc	317½	- 15		
117.00	Vanguard	447½	- 20		
60.70	Xenova	262½	- 43½		
19,718.40	Zeneca	2080	+ 49½	2.1	29.4

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.80	AG Holdings	113½		6.6	9.7
179.10	API	635	+ 15	2.3	19.2
14.70	App Holo	55½	- 3½		
1,375.90	Arjo Wiggins	167	- 2	5.6	18.6
50.90	Bath Press	23½	- ¼	2.8	18.2
161.30	Bemrose	379½	- 5	5.0	10.0
95.80	Blagden	132	- 4	2.4	9.2
1,216.30	Bowater Inc	2965½	+ 150		
186.90	Bowmore Intl	251	+ 4½	1.4	18.9
202.70	Br Polythene	500½	- 6	4.6	10.6
2.50	Br Thornton	15½	- 3		
77.80	Britton Gp	56	- 1	7.4	5.4
864.60	Bunzl	192	- 13	4.1	11.8
56.80	Capital Inds	167½		4.3	14.6
29.10	Cropper (James)	350	- 3½	1.7	9.8
794.30	De La Rue†	353½	- 27½	8.5	1.9
54.40	Dolphin Pack	232½		3.8	15.2
19.90	Fairway Group	49½		10.1	11.5
63.40	Ferguson Intl	156½		10.6	9.5
42.70	Filofax	141½		3.3	10.2
44.40	Inveresk	84½		8.6	32.4
85.10	James Porter	181½	- 1	5.1	12.8
208.00	Low & Bonar	209½	- 72	9.1	6.2
119.70	MY Holdings	88½		3.5	12.4
201.00	Macfarlane	158½	- 1	3.2	14.3
24.20	Noby Gp	196½		5.7	10.1
56.60	Photobition	525	- 5	1.7	
72.90	Plysu	151½	+ ½	6.4	12.1
27.20	Porter Chadburn	22½	- 1	4.3	7.3
1,155.10	REXAM	229	- 13½	7.7	16.5
478.70	St Ives Gp	467	- 6½	2.8	15.7
832.50	Sappi	528¼	- ¼	3.4	
1.30	Serif	1½			
50.80	Sidlaw†	74	- 7	3.4	
530.10	Smith David	167½	- 6	5.7	5.6
2,800.50	Smurfit (Jeff)	181½	+ 6½	2.5	
3.23	Soralct	161½	+ 11¼	2.3	28.9
28.50	Waco	35	+ 3	10.4	
255.80	Waddington†	242½	- 28½	5.4	11.3
140.60	Walmsgh	205	- 11½	6.4	9.5

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
763.00	MFI	129½	+ 5	4.7	14.5
15,728.10	Marks Spencer†	554	+ 39½	2.9	20.7
248.30	Menzies (John)	441	- 1½	3.9	11.5
21.70	Merchant Retail	25½	- ½	1.2	17.8
211.50	Moss Bros	238½	+ 4½	2.5	16.6
2,692.80	Next	720	+ 53½	2.6	22.3
9.23	Owen (G)	36½	- ½		
259.40	Ottakars Intl	485		3.3	
16.50	Partridge Fine	74½		5.6	13.2
13.88	QS Hldgs	35	- ½		
95.00	Rosebys	257½	- 1½	3.8	14.0
70.40	Saxe Group	75		11.8	5.9
954.50	Sears	62½	- 2½	7.9	15.3
89.40	Signet Group	30½	- ¼		16.4
968.50	Smith WH	341½	- 13	5.7	
336.70	Sotheby's	932½	+ 15	2.4	
891.30	Stoneboast†	211½	+ 26	4.8	13.1
78.20	Stylo	131½	+ 1½	4.6	33.2
114.50	T & S Stores	159	+ 5½	8.1	9.5
786.80	Thorn	117	+ 2	9.9	12.8
73.40	Tie Rack†	141½	- 2½	3.0	13.5
38.10	UNO	272	+ 8	2.0	32.3
5.61	Upton & South	3¼			15.4
3,293.00	Vendome	472	+ 18	7.8	17.6
7.63	WEW Group	5¼	- 4¼		4.4
129.70	Wickes	171½	+ 2		
107.90	Wyevale	277½	- 1	2.8	20.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
342.40	AEA Techt	428	- 7	2.5	21.5
159.50	Alpha Airprt	95	- 1½	6.9	11.4
18.40	Alphameric	43	- ½		21.2
80.60	Amle Gp	34	- ½		
262.70	Atkins WS†	285½	- 6½	3.0	
29.50	BHS Res	134½	- 2	7.1	6.5
112.30	BPP	417½	+ 2½	3.9	18.3
30.00	BSM	107½		8.8	8.0
686.30	BTG	860½	+ 4½	0.2	
10.70	Books Service	83½	- 1	5.2	12.7
226.90	Business Post	438	- 9½	3.0	20.9
945.50	CMG	1475	+ 80	0.5	53.9
335.60	CRT Gp	237	- ½	2.2	29.8
25.20	Caird Gp	545	+ 2½	1.6	6.3
492.50	Capita Group	263½	- 4	0.8	55.8
2.58	Charnos	6¼		3.0	11.9
1,271.20	Chubb Sec	450	- ½	2.4	21.9
273.10	Corp Services	184½	- 1½	3.4	15.5
14.80	Coutts Cnslig	30	+ ½	9.6	9.6
46.10	DCS Gp	229½	- 7	0.8	18.8
351.40	Davis Service	265		5.0	14.1
215.30	Delphi	747½	- 2½	1.0	22.7
82.70	Dragonsl	338½	- 2½		44.0
29.30	Dudley Jenkns	228½	+ 10	2.7	17.8
7.74	EW Fact	42½	- 1	5.9	6.6
15.90	El Data Perf	60½	- 2¼	4.5	12.8
156.70	FI Group	527½	+ 12½	1.2	
2,428.60	Hays	587	- 3½	1.8	24.1
198.00	Hogg Robinson†	224	+ 15	5.5	11.0
291.40	JBA Hldgs	835	- 42½	0.8	44.4
122.50	Johnson Clean	245	- 2½	6.0	10.1
22.00	Kalamazoo	75½		7.3	
82.00	Kewill Syst	646	+ 9½	1.9	36.0
5.96	Laser-Scan	18½			30.2
54.20	Lavendon	254½	+ 5	1.7	19.6
84.90	Leigh	128½	+ 1	3.9	18.0
442.50	Logica	692½	+ 2½	1.5	24.2
55.10	Lorien	322		2.9	27.3
89.70	Lynx Hldgs†	87	- 6	2.5	14.3
24.60	MDIS#	23½			
58.50	MMT Comp	492	+ 7	2.4	19.8
51.60	MR Group	82½	- 10½	4.9	16.4
67.00	Macro 4	340	- 15	9.1	9.4
39.30	Mentmore Abbey	46	- 4	1.6	
289.50	Micro Focus	1880	+ 72½		
59.20	Microgen	149½	- 13	6.5	9.9
1,186.40	Misys	1370	- 2½	1.8	29.8
101.90	MITIE Gp	156½	- 2	1.4	22.7
18.70	Nove Group	34½		6.0	7.6
28.00	Orbis†	38½		4.1	
7.76	Pacer Intelec	97½	+ 7½	3.9	15.0
199.40	Parity	406	- 30½	1.1	29.5
19.90	Pegasus	285	- 2½	3.1	16.4
14.30	Penna	130	+ 3½	1.9	
82.50	Photo-Me	115	- 3½	5.4	14.3
16.70	Proudfoot	27	+ 1		

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CCA chief plans £70m growth of leisure venues

By Dominic Walsh

CCA Holdings, the Hong Kong owner of Brocket Hall and the London Capital Club, has earmarked £70 million for the acquisition of up to four new properties in the South of England.

Dieter Klostermann, the company's German-born chairman, said he was looking at a number of private houses within about an hour of London and was in talks for a site for a second London club by the end of the year.

Mr Klostermann said: "Our aim initially is to have six properties, including two more that are similar to Brocket, with golf and conference facilities."

CCA, which was founded by Mr Klostermann in 1980 to develop and operate private clubs, bought a 60-year lease on Brocket Hall last summer for almost £10 million.

The Hertfordshire stately home was developed as an exclusive conference and golf venue by Lord Brocket, but the business collapsed in the recession. It was the peer's attempt to extricate himself from these financial difficulties that led to a botched car insurance scam and a five-year prison sentence.

Mr Klostermann, who owns 100 per cent of CCA, is investing a further £15 million-£20 million in Brocket Hall over three years. The 500-acre estate's former coaching house has just been converted into 16 luxury suites and by the end of this year the main house will have been completely refurbished. Future developments will add a second championship golf course and driving range, and a country club and health spa.

Strictly speaking, the property reverts to the Brocket family trusts after the 60-year lease expires, but Mr Klostermann said he hoped an extension or management contract could be negotiated. There are no such problems at the London Capital Club, formerly the Gresham, which was acquired freehold in 1993.

Klostermann: more clubs

CCA has invested a total of £5 million, including acquisition costs, and the club is now turning over £2.4 million. Its 1,000 members pay an average subscription of £1,250.

Mr Klostermann is negotiating for a site for an upmarket leisure-based club in the West End of London.

CCA is also growing apace in its Asia-Pacific heartland, where all 28 of its other clubs are located. It has eight further projects under construction in the region, but is also casting its eye over opportunities in Frankfurt, Berlin, Moscow, Paris, Brussels, Milan and Madrid.

The company's current mix of golf, athletic and city clubs has a turnover of more than US$200 million (£119 million) but there are no plans for a stock market flotation.

"We don't need to go public," said Mr Klostermann. "We sell £2 million of membership sales each week, so we've a very comfortable cashflow. We've never lost a project through lack of financing."

BARRY GREENWOOD

A team from Orange PCS, the Bristol-based mobile network operator, cycled, canoed and ran their way to victory over 56 other teams to win the Mitel Challengers Trophy, Europe's largest inter-business competition

ICI denies DuPont 'speculation'

By Fraser Nelson

ICI, Britain's largest chemicals group, has confirmed that it is prepared to sell some industrial chemicals assets to a rival, but dismissed weekend reports of a £2 billion deal with DuPont, its American rival, as "speculation".

Although the company has been grooming Trioxide, its titanium dioxide business, for flotation as an independent company it said it has no qualms about selling it to a rival.

A spokesman said: "We have planned to float Trioxide as a separate entity. We have never ruled out the possibility of a trade sale."

"We bought the Unilever speciality business in a £5 billion deal that was completed last week . . . we have to pay some money back quickly and so we have to look at disposals. That is the picture."

A successful deal would vindicate ICI's ambitious reform programme set in place by Charles Miller Smith, its chief executive. He planned to retreat from the volatile bulk chemicals market and increase its exposure to more refined chemicals. He has already confirmed his aim of raising £3 billion through disposals to help to pay for the Unilever acquisition. The deal would also provide DuPont with a significant presence in Europe.

Prescott to unveil strategy on water leakage

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

JOHN PRESCOTT, the Deputy Prime Minister, is expected to announce deep cuts in water leakage rates tomorrow.

Mandatory long-term programmes have been agreed by privatised suppliers since the water summit in May.

Privatised water and sewage groups have also agreed to seek out leaks in customers' pipes as well as making repairs free, at least for a period.

Companies that have already experimented with free leakage repairs have found that the relatively modest amount of pipework between company mains and customers' premises is a rich area for leaks that are relatively cheap to stop, creating unexpected enthusiasm for the project.

This has allowed mandatory leakage reduction targets to be more impressive than expected before the summit.

But companies have stopped short of taking full legal responsibility for customers' pipes, for fear that they might face huge bills for replacing lead and other unsuitable materials.

The industry is now trying to develop different tariff systems that will allow much wider use of meters without penalising larger ordinary families in low-rated properties for the benefit of millionaires in penthouses.

Labour has turned its back on compulsory metering because it would be regressive in effect and might yet again raise the Government's welfare bill.

Possibilities include allowing a substantial "free" allocation of water for a low standing charge and then making heavy unit charges on higher users.

Mr Prescott might be more persuaded by a scheme that linked standing charges to council tax bands, including discounts, and then imposed a more affordable unit charge for extra water.

Mr Prescott is also likely to unveil more ambitious programmes to help customers to save water through water "audits".

Seven line up for a summer listing

By Fraser Nelson

THE post-election flotation season sees seven companies joining the Alternative Investment Market this month alone.

Pycraft & Arnold, a London chartered loss adjuster, plans to list on Wednesday with a market value of £10 million. It is raising £2 million to pay for acquisition plans.

Citadel Holdings, a French start-up company hoping to invest in commerical properties, is joining AIM next week, looking to raise £22.7 million to buy offices in France before a recovery sets in. It will be valued at about £30 million and has been created by the Mortstept family of Sweden around Lyons property interests.

JSB, a software company that postponed its flotation last August, is hoping to complete its placing this month. It has designed Surf Control, a device that restricts Internet access for office workers. It hopes to raise £5 million to take its product to America, where it has close links with Novell, the software house.

Delcam, a Birmingham business software house, is hoping to be valued at £15 million when it joins AIM this month, eight years after a management buyout for £2 million from Delta. Hugh Humphries, its chief executive, will become a paper millionaire.

Landround, which supplies travel-based promotions, has reduced its original asking price to ensure a flotation this month. It is now heading for a market value of £5 million.

David Best, who helped bring PolyMASC to AIM two years ago, is now bringing Bioscience Innovation Centre to the market. The Cambridge company hopes to raise £6 million to provide laboratory facilities and management consultancy services.

WH Smith seeks loyalty card lift

By Sarah Cunningham, Retail Correspondent

WH SMITH, the troubled high street retailer battling against renewed bid rumours, is to launch its own loyalty card this week in the hope of boosting sales.

The WH Smith Clubcard will offer a 2 per cent discount to customers and will be available in shops across the 400-strong chain from Wednesday.

The company's shares, which fell to a year low of 333½p on Thursday, bounced 8p on Friday as speculation grew of a possible takeover bid. Asda, the supermarket group, is thought to be in the frame, along with Kingfisher and Boots.

Smiths, which has been struggling to re-establish itself in its key markets, is looking for a replacement for Bill Cockburn, its chief executive, who announced last month that he will be leaving after just 18 months in the job.

The main internal candidates are Alan Giles, head of Waterstone's, Keith Hamill, finance director, Richard Handover, managing director for news, and John Hancock, director for US operations. Spencer Stuart, the headhunters, is looking for outside candidates. It is keen to talk to Stuart Rose, who resigned last week from Burton, where he ran the main fashion chains.

The loyalty card is being launched after a trial in 53 stores in the Midlands and the North East. Liz Harlow, who is running the card scheme, said it "significantly increased sales and we are confident that the success of this regional trial will be repeated at a national level".

Supermarkets tune in to television shopping

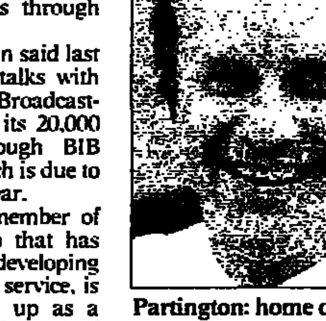
By Sarah Cunningham

SHOPPERS could soon be able to buy Safeway and Sainsbury groceries through their televisions.

The Safeway chain said last week that it is in talks with British Interactive Broadcasting about offering its 20,000 grocery lines through BIB interactive TV, which is due to be launched next year.

J Sainsbury, a member of the working group that has spent the last year developing content for the BIB service, is also likely to sign up as a participant. The full range of retail services, including home banking, is likely to be available on BIB from 1999.

Roger Partington, marketing director of Safeway, said that he will meet BIB for further talks this week. Chris Townsend, operations director of BIB, hopes to secure the first firm signings within the next two months. The company aims to have 30 retail, travel and financial services companies lined up for the launch, and to have 300 on board within five years.



Partington: home deliveries

Shopping, banking, holiday booking, computer games and Internet access services will be available to viewers with satellite dishes and the same digital set top convertors that will be needed to receive digital television broadcasts. Estimates suggest the convertors will retail at £199.

Other companies in the working group are HMV, Thomas Cook, Great Universal Stores and Dorling Kindersley, the publisher.

British Telecom and BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster owned 40 per cent by News International, owner of *The Times*, each hold 32.5 per cent of BIB. Midland Bank has 20 per cent and Matsushita 15 per cent.

Mr Partington said setting up the infrastructure to deliver the food will be the most difficult aspect.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

1997 High	Low	Mkt cap (£million)		Price pence	Wkly +/−	Yld %	P/E
139¼	100½	11.80	AFA Systems	117½		...	...
153½	131½	19.10	AMCO Corp	133½	..	5.6	10.0
422½	170	57.50	AND Intl Pub	262½	−10	...	...
115½	84½	7.32	Abacus Recruit	112½	−3	0.6	21.7
195	99½	27.90	Access Plus	168	−2	3.6	21.9
100½	6½	1.28	Active Imaging	7			
239	200	34.00	A de Gruchy	230	+5	3.8	12.8
11¼	8¾	8.49	African Gold	8¼	...	...	17.5
117½	72½	33.40	Airtech	73½	−6½		...
44½	31¼	14.00	Albemarle & Bd	37	−2½	0.8	15.9
52½	29½	6.49	Allzyme	37½	...		
111½	91½	2.87	Anglo-Welsh	92½	−3	...	...
525	455	55.70	Ann St Brewery	580		4.4	11.7
1185	1015	7.02	Ann St Cv Pf	1185		6.8	..
129½	65½	73.90	Antonov	96½	−6	..	..
148½	98½	19.70	Aortech	114½		...	..
100½	100	10.20	Archer Dedicated	100	+¼	2.0	47.6
36½	7	6.99	Arion Props	29½	−½	..	..
115	30½	34.60	Ashurst	40	..		
262½	130	46.60	Ask Central	233½	..	0.3	53.3
69½	64½	1.25	Athelney Trust	69½		1.8	60.1
103½	76½	58.10	Avalon Oil	76½	−3		..
144½	130½	43.70	BATM Adv Comms	138½	−1	2.1	
3¾	3¼	2.75	Bakery Services	3½	..	..	20.5
59½	25	5.79	Barbican Health	30	+5		
12½	6½	31.50	Barcelord	11¾	+¼		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3			11.5
4½	2½	7.67	Beaufort	4	...	2.1	22.2
44½	38½	5.89	[illegible]	38½			21.5
90	60	1.28	Biltam	80	...	8.3	48.0
76½	60½	5.38	Bilston Bttrsea	60½		3.1	16.1
64	33½	21.00	Birmingham City	42	+½	..	
190	145	1.33	Bowness Leis	190		3.0	8.2
52½	42½	7.44	Brancote Hldgs	42½	−1		...
95	65	3.78	Br Bloodstock	90		2.8	
665	510	82.70	Brockbank	672½	...	1.6	16.4
197	144½	20.80	CA Coutts Hldgs	196		1.9	22.0
182	128½	12.20	C & B Publishing	170	...		15.6
109½	109½	0.12	CCI Founder Shs	109½			
190½	140½	4.52	CCI Hldgs	190½	+3	1.6	8.6
215	170	5.80	Cafe Inns	200	−15	1.5	15.4
70	55	8.00	Caledonian Tst	65	..	..	11.1
5¾	3	3.96	Calidore Group	3¾		...	...
1½	0½	2.40	Calidore Wts	1½	..		..
17½	9	2.60	Cambridge Min Res	12		..	
51	29	35.00	Card Clear	38	−1½		37.6
97½	55½	6.31	Carisbrooke Ship	62½		7.0	5.9
62	45	2.49	Cassidy Bros	45	+1¼	8.3	...
57½	47½	2.13	Cavendish W	48½		4.1	24.8
19	13	4.76	Celebrated Group	14¼		2.4	12.6
£550	£275	94.50	Celtic	£315	−1000	...	...
£450	£270	58.30	Celtic Pf Shs	£315	−1000	1.2	...
111½	96½	24.40	CI Comms(TV)	111½	+4	3.5	..
65	54½	12.00	Charlton Athl	56	...	...	
9	6¼	8.50	Charterhouse	8½	..	...	17.8
37½	15½	1.78	Chartwell Intl	15½			
170	101½	181.90	Chelsea Village	116½	+3		
265	145	11.70	Chemical Design	180	...		25.5
202½	65	8.32	Circle Comms	75	...	1.7	...
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	...	...	72.7
4½	2½	1.69	ClubPartners	4			
150½	132½	16.50	Coolino	150	+12½	1.9	...
597½	527½	14.10	Com de Prt Fin	587½	...	2.8	
30	14	9.66	Concurrent Tech	20½	−1	0.6	32.3
150	95	0.25	Conc Tech A Pfd	100	...		
150	95	8.20	Conc Tech B Pfd	100			
230	125	1.01	Conc Tech Rd Pf	150	..		
300	150	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225	..	...	
41	35	7.85	Conister Tst	35½	...	7.0	8.8
4¼	2	5.07	Corporate Exec	3¼			...
239	153½	37.10	Country Gdns	188½	−4	1.1	17.4
175	117½	4.12	Cntry Gdns Pf	135	..	9.3	...
37½	6½	5.56	Creos Intl	15½	−½	..	
390	215	3.68	Crown Eye	230		6.8	5.6
28½	4	2.12	Crown Products	4½	−1¼	..	11.2
28½	18½	0.89	Dalkeith Ins	18½	..		...
125½	94½	6.88	David Glass	127½	+2½	5.9	12.6
170	123½	6.29	Dawn Til Dusk	170	..		13.1
262½	130	117.70	Dawson Hldgs	207½		2.9	20.0
16½	10½	7.41	Dean Corp	16	..	3.9	9.4
174½	169½	10.70	Deep Sea Leisure	169½	..	...	41.8
3¾	2	2.91	Dentmaster	2¼	..	..	14.9
460	343	44.20	Dicom	342½	...	0.6	14.1
135½	89½	15.10	Digital Anim	102½		3.1	16.0
80½	74½	7.00	Delyn Group	80½	..		
72½	42½	7.99	Dmatek	42½		2.0	17.7
310	240	13.20	Dobbies Garden	280	−1		24.8
146½	122½	13.20	Dragons Health	131½	−4		
3¼	2	1.52	Drings of Bath	2	...	...	...
47½	30	3.43	Eagle	35			
57½	49½	16.40	Easynet	80	+11	...	...
445	207½	78.10	Elec Retail Sys	370	−5		...
60½	36½	30.80	Electrophoretics	40	..	..	..
52½	7½	3.50	Epic Multimedia	15	..		
65	45	11.60	Epicore Metals	45	...		
275	190	7.93	Eurasia Mining	190		...	...
25	24	2.02	European Mng Fin	25	+½	...	..
2½	2½	0.05	European Mng Wts	2½	...	...	
125	125	5.62	Euro Sales Fn	125			
175	165	16.70	Eve Group	170	..	1.1	
250	210	5.59	Fairlake	215	−5		14.3
77½	47½	7.40	Fayrewood	52½		1.9	..
191½	120	48.40	Fibernet	130	+1½	..	
69½	47½	2.38	Fieldens	47½		3.9	27.4
242½	225	6.28	First Pubs	232½	..		8.1
14½	6½	1.92	First Infor	6½	...	...	...
200	109½	42.60	Fitness First	155	−7½		55.8
230	143	3.64	Flomerics	140	...	2.7	11.4
292½	202½	6.43	Floral St	207½	...	0.9	13.8
37½	22½	5.14	FNR Hldgs	24½		...	...
152½	115½	12.60	Formscan	118½	...	3.4	11.9
119½	23½	10.30	Fountain Frstry	114		3.0	16.2
41½	36	196.90	Freepages	40	+1¼	...	...
182½	140½	10.70	Furlong Homes	177½	−1	2.3	12.2
164½	124½	16.99	Future Intl Telep	152	−½		...
[illegible]	139½	13.60	GB Railways	154½	−7		
55½	52½	16.90	Gail Thomson Env	54½	+1¼	2.9	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	43.80	Gander Hldgs	15	−¼		...
134½	82½	9.30	Garfield W&B	105	−½	0.4	5.0
122	54½	87.50	Geo Int Media	87½			...
33½	17	34.00	Gold Mines Sard	26¾	−1¼	...	...
26	7	9.64	Gold Mns Sard Wts	18	−2	..	..
127½	120½	40.80	Goshawk Insce	120½	...	...	
3½	3	3.00	Grosmont Hldgs	3	−¼		..
1	½	1.26	Grosmont Hldgs Wts	1	..	..	
15½	14¼	1.74	Grosvenor Ltd	14¼	...	..	
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9	5½	2.33	Hancorn	6¼		..	
175	150	11.10	Hardy Underwtg	152½		1.6	24.9
87½	55½	5.54	Hat Pin	80½	+½	4.2	12.9
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175	125	11.60	Highams Sys	130	+5	...	18.1
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[illegible]	[illegible]	12.40	IES	71½	−10	2.1	..
[illegible]	65½	21.40	Ind Bnl Health	80	−3½	1.6	11.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	11.90	Indept Energy	90½			
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[illegible]	[illegible]	17.60	Intelligent Env	78½		...	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	50.40	Internet Tech	39½	−4½		
[illegible]	[illegible]	25.30	Intercare Tele	75	−11½	..	
330	227½	37.50	Intl Greetings	295	+10	3.0	
[illegible]	[illegible]	19.50	XYC Intl	80	−1½		26.1
164½	150½	6.67	ITG Group	151½			
155½	109½	9.72	Jardinane Intl Grp	110½	+½	..	40.9
115	62½	4.51	Jasmin	110			9.2
347	290	25.20	Jennings Bros	340	−1½	2.8	22.3
4¼	3	5.19	J Lewis Hford	3¼	..		18.1
62½	50½	8.42	Jordec	52	−½		
5¼	2	5.26	Just Group	3			
132½	91½	48.10	KS Biomedix	113½		..	...
50½	47½	5.46	Kern River	47½		...	
130½	120½	5.06	Lady in Leisure	120½	−2		
132½	77½	27.50	La Senza	82		..	
150	130	25.00	Enterprises	135		4.1	12.9
390	340	26.90	Lawrence	390	+25	2.5	...
3550	3150	67.50	Lawrie Group	3550		2.6	11.8
405	326	66.90	Le Riches Strs	403	−4½	6.2	15.5
14	9	0.46	Life Numbers	9¼			
4	2	0.06	Life Numbrs Wts	2			
535	480	10.50	Loades	525		0.2	49.8
106½	47½	23.80	Loftus Road	59½			
12¾	5¼	1.60	Lon & Edin Publ	5¼			23.2
75	70	1.75	London Town	70		2.9	13.6
119½	112½	3.81	Longbridge Intl	115½	−2		16.1
87½	34½	8.00	Loox	34½			
3¼	1½	2.60	Lotteryking	1½			19.2
1	0½	0.09	Lotteryking Wts	0½			
88	58	7.02	MMS Petroleum	58	−4½		..
27½	8½	6.69	Magnum Power	10½	+½		
290½	239½	34.50	Majestic Wine	271½	+2½	1.6	...
19½	9½	6.60	Manx & O'seas	11	−½	3.7	60.8
125	105	2.76	Matrix Hlthcare	120		6.2	19.3
13¾	10¼	4.92	Mears Group	13¾	...	1.9	12.4
98½	88½	57.00	Megalomedia	97½	..	0.3	
93½	83½	1.02	Megalomedia Wts	92½			
67½	39½	2.80	Meltek	40		7.8	29.5
65	30½	20.00	Memory Corp	31½	−1	...	
165	65	5.28	Meteor Tech	74			
75	30	3.47	Meteor Tech Wts	36	..	...	..
50	46	4.25	Methven's	50	..		
25	19	4.67	Melrodome	19			..
84½	57½	4.61	Mondas	75½	+6	..	
350	200	33.40	Moorepay	315	..	1.7	38.6
112	90	7.30	Mountcashel	96	...	..	8.4
215	165½	34.50	Mulberry Group	166½	−2½	1.1	..
40	8½	2.74	MultiMedia	9½		..	
21	17	1.33	NECA	18	...	5.3	9.1
54½	45½	18.10	NMT	46	..		
72½	67½	1.94	NRP	67½		1.9	29.8
385	195	14.90	NWF Grp	196	−11½	6.8	10.1
220	190	14.70	Nash (Wm)	210	−5	4.5	7.7
300	275	7.28	Neill Clerk	280		3.6	10.1
85½	45½	11.70	Netcall	77½			
242	177	57.80	Network Tech	179½	−26	0.7	
80½	75	1.43	Norhomes	75		..	23.2
50½	30½	6.38	Nthn Petlm	34½	−½	..	
31½	28½	1.95	Northstar Sec	31			
11	3	0.21	Northstar Sec Wts	10½			
120½	112½	47.80	Nursing Home	120½	+½	5.9	19.1
10½	3	0.74	Omnimedia	3	..		...
97½	50½	1.78	On Line	54	+1½	..	
65½	37½	21.40	Oxford Biomedica	37½		..	..
3¾	1¾	26.90	Pacific Media	2	−¼		
69½	28½	14.80	Pan Andean Res	35			..
245	220	5.88	Park Ests(Liv)	245		4.6	18.4
23¾	13	9.58	Pembertons	20	+¼		..
57½	29	6.74	Personal No Co	43½	+1	...	...
121	38½	30.50	Petra Diamonds	104½	+11		
94	13½	1.23	Petra Dmnds Wt	73½	+10	...	..
137½	67½	28.80	Philippine Gd	67½	−2½	..	..
70½	52½	13.40	Pilat Tech	62½	−5		...
138½	97½	22.30	Polymasc Pharms	111½	−2		
2¾	1½	3.28	Pordum Foods	1½			..
1½	1	0.22	Pordum Fds Wts	1			
22	13	10.10	Premier Asset Mgt	18	−¼		63.4
3	2½	3.15	Prestbury Leis	2½	..	16.0	10.1
590	540	10.80	Preston Nth E	540	−5		
104½	102½	16.40	Primary Hlth Pr	102½	...	1.5	...
590	280	83.20	Prism Rail	330	−5	..	
127½	115	19.20	Q Group	115	−5		...
1265	945	284.00	Ramco Egy	1080	+10	0.1	
110½	77½	15.80	Raphael Zrn	107½	...	2.3	9.7
127½	87½	15.00	Recycling Servs	92½		4.3	..
131½	106½	9.99	Reflec	131½			
7¼	4¼	4.59	Revelation Plc	7¼	...	1.4	9.9
45	17½	23.70	Riceman Insce	36	+1		
85½	74½	4.45	Romtec	85½	+1	2.2	17.6
2¼	1½	3.08	Rushmere Wynne	2			...
1¼	0¾	0.07	Rush Wyn Wts	0¾			
120½	110	7.81	SBS	110	−2½	2.7	19.4
169½	152½	19.80	SCi Ent	169½	+9	..	
42½	22½	5.09	SEA Multimedia	22½			
75½	62½	6.62	Sanctuary Music	67½	−2	...	12.9
12½	5½	0.80	Scotswood Inds	7½		..	
6	3½	10.20	Screen	5			20.6
350	245	11.80	Scrutons	245		6.6	14.1
82	72	14.30	Selector	73½	−½		
30½	17½	1.01	Self Sealing	17½	..		
177½	154½	8.52	Shakbana	177½	...	2.8	14.2
104½	74	4.85	Shelton (M)	91½		5.6	16.7
16	12½	40.20	Sibir Energy	15	+½	..	
270	208½	35.10	Sinclair Montrs	270	+31½		44.5
4½	2¼	7.68	Sira Bus Serv	3½	..	1.9	15.8
1½	1	0.29	Sira Bus Wts	1½			
3¾	1¼	10.10	Snakeboard	1½			
110½	99½	11.10	Soccer Inv	110½	+9	..	...
84½	80½	5.07	Solid State Sp	80½		4.7	19.9
34½	27	2.73	Soundtracs	27	−1½	5.6	8.1
6½	4¼	7.70	South Beach Cafe	4¼	...	...	
783	619½	180.80	Southern News	744	−1	3.1	24.1
72½	65½	14.40	Southern Vectis	72½	...	3.3	15.6
268	173½	30.50	Staffware	263	+5½	0.5	...
635	427½	100.40	Stanford Rook	520	−47½	...	...
177½	127½	10.30	Stentor	147½	−6	...	...
510	410	66.60	Surrey Fr Inns	456½	−23½	0.7	31.6
152½	127	15.20	Sutton Harbour	152½	+2½	2.8	...
22	8½	1.14	Syst Integ Rsch	8½	..	..	...
23	18½	4.11	TDS Circuits	19½	...		9.0
97½	67½	14.20	Theo Fennell	87½	−2½		..
14	7¼	14.80	Thomas Potts	8¼	+½	1.6	...
32½	24½	1.90	Tom Hoskins	25	...		
158½	145½	23.70	Total Office	147½		4.1	9.5
595	375	29.40	TRACKER Netwk	555	−7½	...	
120	55	16.20	Tradepoint Fel	70	..	...	...
167	152	5.32	Trinity Care	152		4.1	32.6
170	170	1.50	Trinity Care Pf	170		5.5	..
60½	24	123.00	Trocadero	24¾	+½		
40	38	3.46	Univent	38	..	...	21.0
397½	357½	6.84	Utd Auctions	380	..	3.0	10.1
280	130	13.70	VDC	130	...	5.0	10.3
40	20¼	100.90	Versailles Grp	40		1.3	29.1
53	48	92.90	Victory Corp	49	+½	..	...
242½	57½	1.73	Viewinn	57½	−20	..	
240	220	6.59	Voss Net	235	...		..
82½	49¼	27.70	Waterfall	79½	−½		19.4
34	27	6.33	Watermark	33½	..	3.0	12.0
32	9½	11.30	Wedderburn Secs	18	...		...
7	5	7.90	Weeks Group	6	+¼	2.1	
115	75	3.69	West 175 Enter	90			...
£280	£130	12.00	West Bromwich	£165	..		25.5
12½	11½	3.89	Western Selects	12			47.7
4½	4½	0.28	Western Sel Wts	4½	..		
140½	44½	14.40	Westmount Engy	132½	−5	...	
90½	80½	4.22	Whitecross	90		...	...
245	181½	33.90	Walstard Chelsea	213½	−12	1.4	25.4
91	45½	10.30	W'chester M Mid	87½	−2½	...	
197	168	40.50	World Telecom	186½	−2½	..	...
135	120	4.22	Wynnstay Props	132	...	4.7	16.9
12	9	5.23	Xavier Comp	10	..		11.3
157½	118½	5.69	Yeoman	118½		...	
300	290	26.70	Zergo	290			72.8
29½	9½	2.19	Zicor Mining	9½			...

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE YARN EXCHANGE LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Thursday 17th July 1997 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr Stephen Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY 1997 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
PHILIP ISHERWOOD DIRECTOR

The Insolvency Act 1986
CLARION PROMOTIONS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, K P Barry, FCA, of Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 7th July 1997.

Dated 7th July 1997
K P BARRY, Liquidator

DORMA INDUSTRIES LIMITED
(Company Number: 2340192)

Pursuant to section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 Dorma Industries Limited (the Company) hereby gives notice that:

● The Company approved by special resolution of the Company passed on 9 July 1997 pursuant to section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 a payment out of capital for the purpose of purchasing 53,971,828 of its own ordinary shares of £1.00 each.

● The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £55,764,427.

● The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company, Swanick Court, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 7AR.

● Any creditor of the Company may at any time prior to 13 August 1997 apply to the court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.

NOTE: The repurchase of shares is part of an internal group reorganisation pursuant to which the entire business, assets and operations of the Company have been transferred to its immediate parent company, Refraco (UK) Limited.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM
Bowker and Ball Limited
Principal Trading Address: Crescent Mills, Wainwright Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire
Company Number: 611996

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 30 June 1997, John Wilson was appointed liquidator of the above named company.

Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator.

John Wilson, LIQUIDATOR
Deloitte & Touche
201 Deansgate
Manchester M60 2AT

The Insolvency Act 1986
COMPTOIR OF COVENT GARDEN LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, K D Goodman, FCA of Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 8th July 1997.

Dated 8th July 1997
K D Goodman, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
THE ANTIQUE JEWELLERY COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 22nd July 1997 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 7th day of July 1997
By Order of the Board
J Spearing, Director

NOTICE OF PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE CREDITORS OF INTENTION TO DECLARE FINAL DIVIDEND
THE COMPANIES (WINDING UP) RULES 1949
Rule 119
EMERALD INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Take notice that a final dividend is intended to be declared in the above matter, and that if you do not establish your claim to the satisfaction of the Court on or before 31 July 1997, or such later day as the court may fix, your claim will be expunged, and I shall proceed to make a final dividend without regard to such claim.

Dated this 8th day of July 1997
J B Stephenson
for G MacAulay
Liquidator
24 Bevis Marks
London EC3A 7NR

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Lorien, Olim Convertible Trust. **Finals:** Ashtead Group, Baring Emerging, Cavaghan & Gray, Ellis & Everard. **Economic statistics:** UK June PPI, US Treasury auction of short-term T-bills.

TOMORROW

Interims: Inn Business Group, Wintrust. **Finals:** Aim Group, Anite, Baring Emerging Europe Trust, Dairy Crest, Kenwood Appliances, Moorgate Investment Trust, Shield Diagnostics, TLG, Trifast, VHE Holdings, Zergo Group.
Economic statistics: UK June BRC retail sales monitor, Italy May PPI, WPI Bundesbank calls for repos. Bundesbank calls for bids on six-month bills. BoF money market tender, BoF discount T-bill auction, US June retail sales, US Treasury announces size of short-term T-bills, API weekly oil supply statistics.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Allied Textile Cos, Medeva, Microgen Holdings, Rights & Issues, Scottish American Investment Com. **Finals:** Bulmer Holdings, First Technology, David S Smith. **Economic statistics:** UK June jobless, May average earnings, unit wage costs, UK June PSBR, US June CPI, US May business inventories, US June industrial output, capacity utilisation, Treasury announces size of two-year and five-year treasury notes, Bundesbank awards repos, Bundesbank awards six-month bills, Italy May industrial output.

THURSDAY

Interims: Aberforth Smaller Co, Greenwich Resources. **Finals:** Hi-Tec Sports, Somerfield, Stanley Leisure. **Economic statistics:** US weekly jobless claims, OECD employment outlook, US Treasury auction of 52-week T-bills, BoF annual coupon T-bill tender, BoF monetary policy council meeting.

FRIDAY

Interims: none scheduled. **Finals:** Calluna. **Economic statistics:** UK June provisional M4, final M0, UK BBA June bank lending, UK Building Societies Association June lending, UK June car production.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.38	2.20
Austria Sch	22.04	20.38
Belgium Fr	64.95	59.99
Canada $	2.446	2.258
Cyprus Cyp£	0.920	0.849
Denmark Kr	11.96	11.09
Finland Mkk	9.41	8.66
France Fr	10.57	9.79
Germany Dm	3.15	2.91
Greece Dr	496	457
Hong Kong $	13.90	12.70
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.08
Israel Shk	6.32	5.67
Italy Lira	3083	2846
Japan Yen	207.83	190.30
Malta	0.688	0.629
Netherlds Gld	3.559	3.264
New Zealand $	2.69	2.45
Norway Kr	13.13	12.19
Portugal Esc	314.03	292.00
S Africa Rd	8.43	7.47
Spain Pta	263.79	245.00
Sweden Kr	13.96	12.86
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.40
Turkey Lira	266225	246347
USA $	1.799	1.656

Rates for small denomination notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank. Rates as at close of trading on Friday.

COMPANIES

CLARE STEWART

Strife casts cloud over BA results

Robert Ayling of BA. Analysts estimate strike action is costing at least £15 million a day

BRITISH AIRWAYS: Industrial strife will overshadow tomorrow's annual meeting at the Barbican Centre in London, but it is still too early to assess the full impact on 1997 revenues.

Analysts estimate that strike action is costing BA between £15 million and £20 million a day — perhaps £50 million or more in lost bookings for last week alone — but they think that the share price will remain stable unless industrial action escalates or becomes protracted.

The carrier, whose chief executive is Robert Ayling, lost an estimated £15 million in bookings ahead of last year's threatened strike by pilots, which was called off at the last minute. Analysts are keeping an open mind on the final cost to BA's revenues, but thinks reports that the action has cost BA £200 million so far are wide of the mark.

Before the onset of industrial action, analysts were looking for a 1997 pre-tax profit of £715 million (£640 million) on turnover of £8.97 billion (£8.34 billion). The carrier is seeking to find £1 billion in annual cost savings by 2000 in order to remain competitive.

SOMERFIELD: The food retailer, formerly the Gateway group, reports year-end figures on Thursday — its first prelims since floating.

Analysts are expecting pre-tax profits of £103 million, up from £83.2 million last year. The dividend is expected to come in at just over 10p, with earnings per share of 28.3p.

The focus of interest will be on improvements in costs and margins rather than looking for startling sales growth.

Like for like sales growth is expected to be in line with the industry average, though overall sales figures will reflect both continuing deflation and the slower sales at Somerfield's discount chain Food Giant.

Somerfield floated last August at 145p, with a bumpy pre-listing ride followed by a less than sparkling growth in its share price. Some of the recent cheer buoying the food retailing sector has helped to lift Somerfield, which last week topped 190p, to reach a new high for the group.

MEDEVA: Acquisition gains are expected to make much of the running when the drugs company reports first-half results on Wednesday. The group which last year bought Rochester, Fison's US business, is expected to see pre-tax profits of £44million to £50 million, as against £37.2 million in 1996.

Analysts at Lehman Brothers are forecasting underlying sales growth of 5 per cent and 31 per cent of acquisition gains but are also expecting about 3 per cent of exchange losses. The strength of sterling has prompted a slight downgrade for the full year, to around £119 milllion pre-tax.

Shares in Medeva have been rattled by slow sales of its anti-obesity drug Ionamin, and analysts will be looking for further news on this and key products such as Methylphenidate prescribed for hyperactive children.

HI-TEC SPORTS: The hiking and sports shoe group reports year-end figures on Thursday with house brokers Greig Middleton forecasting pre-tax profits of £3 million, up from £2.03 million last year. A resumption of dividend payments is expected, with 0.5p pencilled in.

Much of the interest will centre on the group's progress in North America, and the success of its Bootlogic initiative to introduce new styles in its Outdoor boot range. There may also be an update on Hi-Tec's tie-up with Sports Division, the Scottish retailer.

Earnings of 3.6p are forecast this year, rising to 5p in 1998.

STANLEY LEISURE: The gaming group headed by Leonard Steinberg is watching with interest the outcome of Brent Walker's William Hill betting shop sell-off. If, as expected, Bass takes a punt, it is not inconceivable that the MMC will demand some divestments. You can bet that Stanley Leisure will seek to vacuum up any cast-offs.

Betting shops will be the star of Stanley's full-time results on Thursday, as the first real fruits of the change in gaming laws allowing AWPs into betting shops kick in. Analysts expect a ten-month contribution from AWPs to put an extra £1.5 million on the bottom line.

The group's betting-shop business, boosted by the acquisition of Gus Carter last summer, turned in a strong first-half performance and this is thought to have continued through the second half. The comparison will be all the more marked given the large number of cancelled race meetings in the winter of 1995. The lottery-style 49's game continues to be a boon.

Aided by a solid if unspectacular improvement from casinos, group pre-tax profits are likely to come in at £19.3 million, up from £14.8 million, with earnings per share up from 9.3p to at least 11.0p. The dividend will rise from 3.33p to 4p.

ANITE GROUP: The former Cray Electronics reports tomorrow. The former stock market high-flyer, which came to earth with a thud after a series of profits warnings, a Stock Exchange investigation and a board room shakeup, has now refocused on systems and netorks, moving away from communications manufacture.

In spite of its recent history it is not without supporters among analysts who rate its recovery potential given the buoyancy of its sector.

Year-end losses are forecast to increase to £34.6 million against £19.4 million last year, but the group is expected to be comfortably back in the black in 1997-8.

TLG: The industrial lighting group is expected to take a dim view of conditions in European markets when it reports year-end figures tomorrow.

The former Thorn Lighting Group is expected to see pre-tax profits for the year to March slip from £28.6 million to £20 million.

Closure of factories will help to cut costs though the benefits are not expected in the current year. In spite of the difficult market the dividend is expected to be held at 4.3p, although earnings per share will drop from 9.8p to 7p.

SHIELD DIAGNOSTIC: The manufacturer of diagnostic tests, which saw its shares hit a high of 805p this year, reports preliminary results tomorrow.

The price has been buoyed by bid speculation and last week by broker support. Further news on products, such as its heart disease diagnostic tool, could also have an impact on the price, while a £10 million to £15 million rights issue could be on the cards. Analysts are forecasting a pre-tax loss of £1.1 million, against profits last time of £200,000.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Clues are due on rate move

CITY economists will be scrutinising a range of economic indicators due to be published this week in an effort to gauge when the next rise in interest rates may be due after the quarter-point rise to 6.75 per cent last week.

Initially the City was mildly disappointed that the rise was not a half point, but, on Friday, the market mood turned to reasonably optimistic anticipation of the next rise. Even gilts rose, a paradoxic reaction to thoughts of rising interest rates.

On Monday, the City will see producer prices for June, which are expected to show the anti-inflationary impact of the strong pound on manufacturers' input prices. The City expects year-on-year input prices to be down by as much as 9 per cent. Output prices are expected to be flat month-on-month and to show a 1.1 per cent rise year on year.

Wednesday will see the eagerly awaited publication of minutes from the June monetary policy committee meeting. Economists need all the clues they can get on how Labour's monetary policy committee system is working if they are ever to be in a position to make a reasonable second guess at how the thinking will go in years to come.

The public sector borrowing requirement figure for June will also be out on Wednesday. The May PSBR reached £4 billion, and the City has pencilled in £4.2 billion for June. However, changes in the way that VAT is collected will make accurate forecasting difficult.

Unemployment figures for June, also out on Wednesday, are expected to show a fall of 25,000 in the number of benefits claimants, an acceleration from the 18,000 fall registered in May. Recent steady pay settlements lead economists to believe that the figure for average earnings growth for May will remain at 4.5 per cent.

Money supply figures are due on Friday. The broad M4 figure features strongly in the Bank of England *Inflation Report* although some economists, at least, find that the figures say little about what is to happen in the economy. An 11.2 per cent year-on-year rise in M4 in June is expected, little changed on May.

GEORGE SIVELL

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times Buy Prudential, LucasVarity, Ionica, Parkland, Singer & Friedlander, Countryside, Fii Group. *The Sunday Telegraph* Buy Courtaulds, Hit Entertainment, SCi Entertainment, Five Oaks Investments, Oriental Restaurant Group. Sell MFI Furniture, Boots. *The Observer* Buy Dalgety, TI. *The Mail on Sunday* Buy McBride, Mulberry. Sell Games Workshop.

Virgin backs chain of Kinko's shops

By Eric Reguly

RICHARD BRANSON'S Virgin Group has formed a joint venture with Kinko's, America's largest chain of 24-hour office services shops, to open as many as 200 Kinko's outlets in Britain and France.

The venture, to be announced today, will see Virgin spend about US$4 million (£2.4 million) to open the first two Kinko's shops in Britain. Both will be located in central London, with one in the Holborn area and the other in Soho. Outlets in Edinburgh, Manchester and other cities are to follow next year. Virgin also plans to put them into airports and rail terminals.

Kinko's, a privately held company that was founded in California in 1970, has 850 branches in six countries.

The majority of them are seven-day, 24-hour operations that cater to professionals in the financial, legal and creative industries. Its services include colour printing, video conferencing, photocopying, computer rentals and the binding of reports.

The managing director of the joint venture will be Kevin Griffiths, the Virgin Group director responsible for information technology.

WORD-WATCHING

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VINDEMIATRIX
(b) A bright fixed star in the constellation Virgo. Medieval or modern Latin feminine of *vindemiator* vintager, star in Virgo, from the Latin *vindemiāre*. "Twenty degrees north of Spica, is Vindemiatrix, in the arm of Virgo, a star of the third magnitude."

ZARF
(a) A cup-shaped holder for a hot coffee-cup, used in the Levant, usually of metal and of ornamental design. Derived from the Arabic word for a vessel. "The zarf always came as a welcome relief for those coffee drinkers with more tender skin."

YERESYEVE
(a) A gift customarily given or exacted at the New Year, or at the begining of a year in office. "*Jeresgive*, is a Toll or Fine, taken by the King's Officers, on a Person's entering into an Office; or rather, a Bribe given to them to connive at Extortion, or other Offence in him that gives it."

VEEDOR
(c) An official invested with inspecting or controlling power. "There is one who is in constant attendance, and whose mere appearance can instill much respect, and dare we say fear, into those around."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Rxh3! 2 gxh3 Bh2+ 3 Kxh2 Qxf2+ 4 Bg2 Qxg2 checkmate. Note that 1 ... Bh2+!, with the same idea, works equally well.

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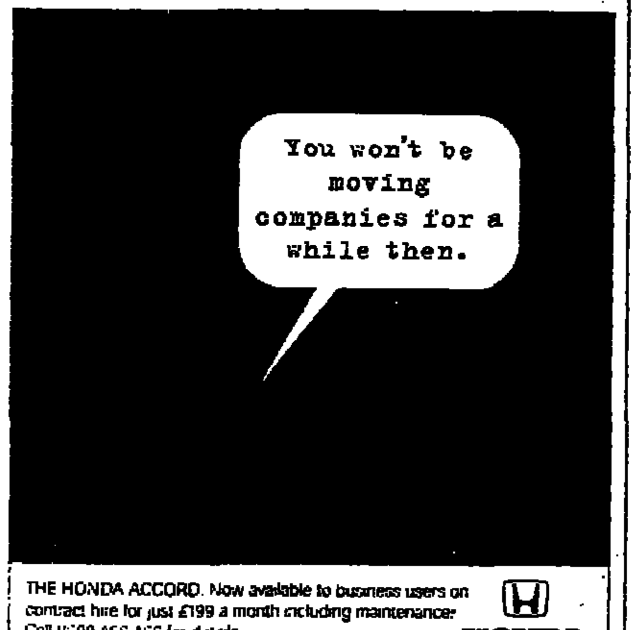

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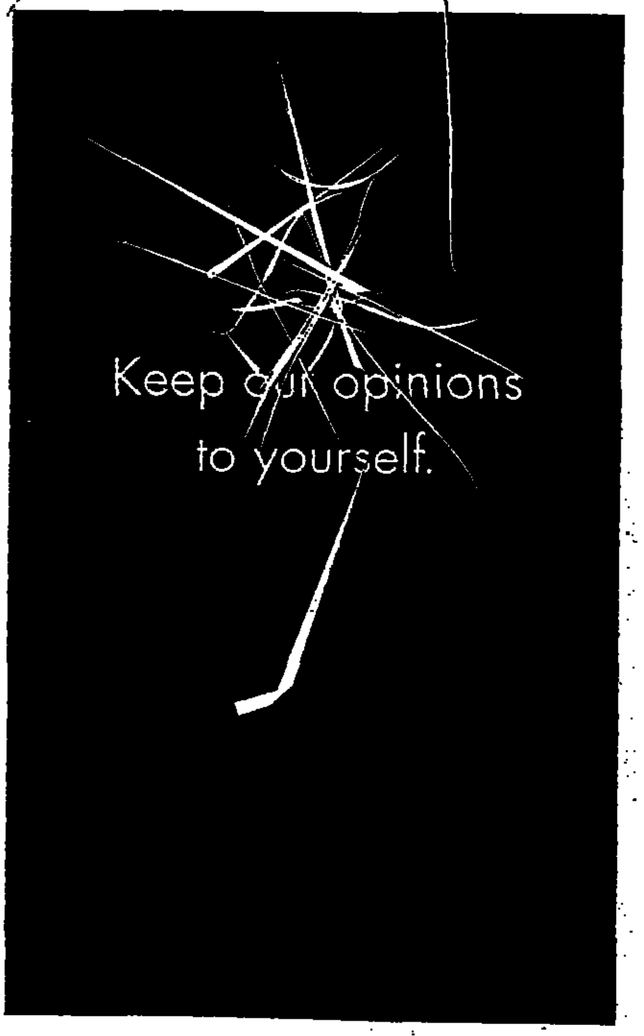

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The wrong sort of windfall tax

ROGER BOOTLE

Windfalls figured large in the Budget and they have been the focus of much subsequent comment. But, as British Rail might have said, they were the wrong sort of windfall. It isn't the gains on the shares of privatised utilities which threaten to destabilise the British economy, but rather gains to consumers from demutualising building societies. The Chancellor famously addressed the former by introducing the windfall tax, but he did next to nothing about the latter.

It is easy to argue that the effect of these windfalls on spending is likely to be negligible. After all, where does the money come from? In any real sense, the nation is not richer because the Halifax issues shares.

Under the old set-up, people owned voting rights in the societies of which they were members and they were the implicit owners of the societies' reserves. Now these "assets" have been changed into shares that can be exchanged for cash. The National Accounts record no increase in either income or wealth for the personal sector — what happens is simply a change in the composition of the personal sector's asset holdings.

Yet we all know that this is just another piece of accountants' hooey. Before the demutualisation boom, most people did not think of themselves as the owners of building societies, but rather as their customers. Even if some did see themselves as "members", they had little or no concept of this membership being worth anything. Now they are not only told what it is worth, but actually given direct access to the money. So in a real sense, they feel richer.

The scale of the sums in question has grown enormously. Not that long ago it seemed that the total amount of demutualisation payouts this year would be of the order of £10 billion — big, but not big enough to bust a forecast.

Now, as result of more payouts, and sharply higher share prices, the total may come to £30 billion to £35 billion. This amounts to some 4 per cent of Britain's total national income, or some 6 per cent of consumers' incomes after tax — the equivalent of more than 15p off the standard rate of income tax for a year.

How will people react to such windfalls? It is impossible to know for sure. You cannot tell simply by observing what people do with their windfall shares. Just because someone sells them does not necessarily mean that they are going to spend the money. They may leave it on deposit, buy other shares, or repay debt. Equally, someone may spend a windfall without touching the shares at all. The issue turns on how consumers react to what they may properly regard as an increase in their wealth.

Economists are bound to begin by asking what is the "rational" response. Provided that the gains are believed to be one-off, then, mirroring what happens when a pensioner uses a lump sum to purchase an annuity, it is to spread the gain over many years. This means spending only slightly more than the interest on the capital, perhaps 10 per cent or so. Of course, real people will not behave exactly like this. Some will blow the lot; others will save the lot. Exactly where the balance lies will depend on consumer psychology. The ultrarational approach may mislead in this case because a very large amount of money is spread quite thinly. It is not like preparing to retire on a pension, or winning the lottery, when the sums are potentially life-changing and thereby demand a measured approach. Two or three thousand pounds appearing out of the blue will make next to no material difference to most people's long-term prospects if saved, but if spent, could finance a very nice treat.

All of this presents the Bank of England with a tricky problem. If the figures for consumer spending continue to be frothy this summer, should it relax in the belief that this merely reflects a one-off effect that will quickly pass out of the figures? Or should it be concerned that it represents the early signs of a consumer boom that could continue well into next year and beyond?

The Bank will be haunted by the past. In the 1980s, the management of the economy was thrown off balance by the effects of financial deregulation.

At first, it was widely believed that the freeing up of banks and building societies would have only a minor effect on the economy. But spending had been effectively constrained by individuals' financial illiquidity, particularly with regard to realising the apparently locked-up value of the equity in their homes. Now they could easily get their money out with a second mortgage. As a result, consumer spending ballooned.

Financial liberalisation was a one-off change. If its effects had come through gradually it would not have destabilised the economy. As it was, they came through in a rush. It was like opening the floodgates.

In a way, the windfall effect is directly comparable. It isn't a matter of whether the money is spent, but when. The economy could readily cope with an extra £30 billion of spending spread over ten years. But £30 billion in one go would spell a boom too far.

When they first arise, economists and officials have a way of pooh-poohing what subsequently turn out to be the defining forces of the period, while they concentrate on honing their economic models. The windfall effect may turn out to be another example. If it does, then just like the last time, the price will be paid in much higher interest rates and an uncompetitive pound.

Construction firms poised to create 10,000 jobs

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CONSTRUCTION companies will hire up to 10,000 new employees over the next two years, according to Sir Martin Laing, chairman of John Laing and president of the new Construction Confederation. The hirings will be particularly welcome as they follow the loss of more than 100,000 jobs in the industry earlier in the decade.

Sir Martin told *The Times* that many of the people required by the industry could come from the Government's New Deal job programmes for the young unemployed.

Construction companies believe they are facing growing skill shortages as demand increases in the industry, especially for skills associated with housebuilding — bricklayers, plasterers and carpenters — as the housing market improves.

Ministers are likely to seize on Sir Martin's statement as a means of getting large firms in the building industry involved in the jobs programme, which aims to offer work or training places to up to 250,000 18 to 24-year-olds who have been unemployed for six months or more. The Government has indicated that companies such as Rover, Tesco, J Sainsbury, Prudential and Ford are interested in taking young people on under the scheme.

Sir Martin said: "There will be a real need for new recruits, rather than doing it for pure or altruistic reasons."

Building firms are likely to draw the new employees they need from a variety of sources, Sir Martin said. These include former construction employees made redundant during the industry's double-dip recession of the 1990s but who may now be drawn back, people coming in to the industry for the first time through bodies such as the Construction Industry Training Board, and the unemployed brought in through the Government's Welfare to Work programme.

Sir Martin says that the industry "would like to find a way of marrying together welfare-to-work with training", an issue it will discuss with ministers. Building companies will come together this week at the launch of the Construction Confederation, which will replace a range of individual and often competing trade organisations.

The confederation, which will have about 5,000 member companies responsible for more than three-quarters of UK construction work, is set to release an economic survey that is expected to report further output rises and a need for new employees.

Littlewoods in talks to sell 19 stores

LITTLEWOODS, the privately owned stores-to-football pools group, is in talks to sell 19 of its largest stores to a single buyer for about £120 million (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Littlewoods, whose negotiations to sell its entire 135-store chain to Kingfisher, owner of Woolworths and Comet, failed this month, is now set to sell the 19 shops to a leading stores group. The sale could be agreed as early as this week.

The company has been in talks with Boots, Next and Marks & Spencer. It may also sell some stores to other buyers, including Tesco and Safeway.

Among the 100 stores it may retain, Littlewoods plans to rename 12 stores Berkertex as a trial in the clothing market.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Robert Enthoven wants to increase the number of UK restaurants in his Nando's chain from five to 19

Nando's to add pre-float spice

NANDO'S, a chain of spicy chicken restaurants run by a South African entrepreneur, is to more than treble its number of British outlets over the next 18 months in a run-up to a stock market flotation (Fraser Nelson writes).

Robert Enthoven, managing director of the UK division, plans to create around 300 new jobs by lifting the number of restaurants from five to 19 by the end of next year.

The £4 million expansion is being backed by his family of well-known South Africa investment bankers, who own 70 per cent of the company. He is also hoping to make around £4 million for his restaurant managers by recruiting them on a golden-handcuff incentive scheme, which offers a shareholding that could be worth around £300,000 on flotation.

Mr Enthoven said: "Our secret, apart from the food, is that if the restaurant does badly, they feel the pain in their own back pocket."

Nando's UK division is understood to be worth around £20 million at present, but Mr Enthovem said he would be reluctant to bring the company to the market for less than £100 million.

British Land faces protest over incentives

BY JASON NISSÉ

BRITISH LAND, the property group chaired by John Ritblat, will today face a protest against its new share incentive plan, which could pay up to six times executives' basic salary.

The plan means that Mr Ritblat could pick up more than £2.5 million over ten years, starting in 2000. His pay in the past financial year was £447,000, although he earned £2.4 million in the previous year.

Pirc, the pensions advisory group whose subscribers manage £130 billion of funds, has recommended that its clients vote against the scheme at British Land's annual shareholder meeting in central London.

It is unhappy because of the measure British Land uses to assess whether executives should receive the award, which Pirc claims is biased towards British Land.

The scheme is a restricted share plan that awards shares to executive directors and other top executives. It measures the growth of British Land's net asset value against the annual index compiled by the Investment Property Databank (IPD).

If British Land outperforms the IPD index by at least 3 per cent, then the senior executives in the plan can receive four times their salary. This climbs to five times if British Land outperforms the index by up to 5 per cent and six times if it is better by more than 5 per cent.

Anne Simpson, joint managing director of Pirc, said that the IPD index is the wrong comparison: it gauges the performance of properties held by pension funds, which, unlike British Land, do not borrow to buy the properties. This means that British Land's portfolio is heavily geared to the property market; so that if the market continues its recent bull run, British Land is likely to outperform the IPD index without doing anything.

British Land says that the plan was approved by Bacon & Woodrow, its actuarial adviser, and falls within the guidelines of both the National Association of Pension Funds and the Association of British Insurers.

OFT inquiry into CMC extended

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

The Office of Fair Trading has extended its inquiry into City Mortgage Corporation amid mounting political pressure for government action to stop it charging exorbitant loan rates.

Questionnaires have been sent to 37 members of the Council Tenants Association and the CMC Victims Association, both of which have complained to the OFT about the company's practices. It will then consider whether to revoke CMC's consumer credit licence.

The move follows a meeting between Nigel Griffiths, Consumer Affairs Minister, and John Bridgeman, Director-General of the OFT, on June 16. In May the minister declared his opposition to lenders, such as CMC, which exploit poor people with bad credit histories with dual rates of interest and extremely high redemption penalties. CMC was one of 70 companies that received a warning about these practices from Mr Bridgeman in February.

Political interest in the company has heightened since William Hague, leader of the Conservative Party, disclosed that CMC's managing director, David Steene, a former Conservative councillor in Hertfordshire, had donated £20,000 to his election campaign.

Paul Flynn, Newport West MP, has stepped up his campaign to expose CMC and highlight the inaction of the OFT. He has asked MPs, regulators and borrowers to a meeting at the Commons today.

A spokesman for Mr Griffiths denied speculation yesterday that the Government was about to stop secondary lenders such as CMC from repossessing properties.

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New York Dow Jones	7921.82 (+234.10)
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Exclusive private view at the Tate Gallery

Readers of *The Times* are invited to an exclusive party, on Tuesday, July 22, to celebrate the Tate Gallery's 100th birthday.

Tate Gallery 100

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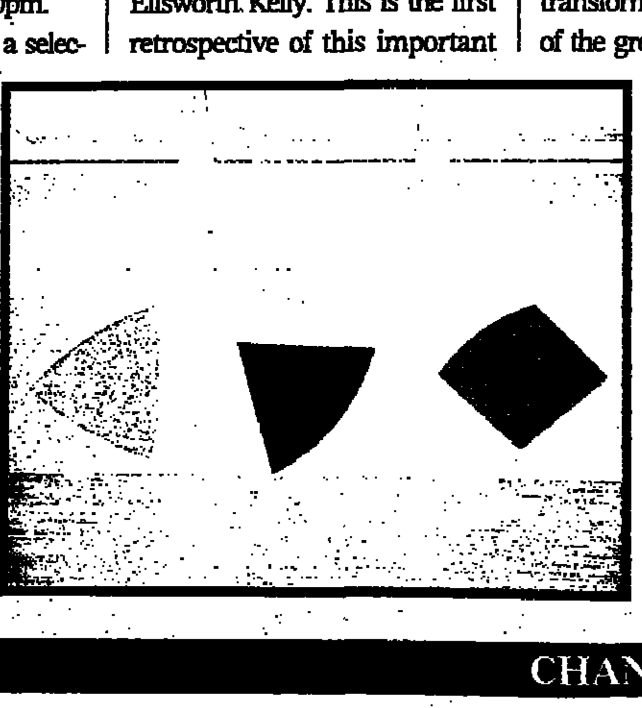
The entire gallery will be open and works on show include special centenary displays, the Turner collection and the current major exhibition of Ellsworth Kelly's works. The party is from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

You will be able to see a selection of 100 works of special interest, two rooms of Victorian and Pre-Raphaelite paintings and Henry Tate's Gift, which tells the fascinating story of the gallery's foundation, with a display of works from the original collection.

Among these originals you will see the beautiful oil painting *The Lady of Shalott* (above) by artist John William Waterhouse.

The current major exhibition at the Tate focuses on the work of the leading American painter Ellsworth Kelly. This is the first retrospective of this important artist's work in Britain. It includes more than 50 works from 1949 to the present day. Kelly's paintings (see picture below) are based on careful observations of the real world, transformed into abstract works of the greatest possible purity of colour, line and form.



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Lonely hearts and high tech get together

Eric Reguly on the pioneers pulling in profits from taking small-ad dating 'out of the gutter'

The dating game has gone high tech. In the old days, the lonely heart placed an ad in the local paper, waited for the letters to trickle in and prayed that some came with photos less than a decade old. Suitable candidates were then met in cafés or bars, usually with disastrous results.

Interactive computer systems have since taken over. Finding partners over the telephone lines is now generating a £35 million a year business in Britain.

Newspapers are still the usual starting points, but responding by telephone to an advertisement allows callers to surf through databases of personal ads, using the phone buttons to narrow the field down to the most suitable candidates. Using the menu, potential lovers can be picked based on age, location and likes and dislikes. Smokers can be eliminated from the search: those who like to cook, dance, travel or go to the movies can be added. And you can hear their voices.

In the end, you may select someone like "F", in the Leicester area, an articulate woman who makes clear that smokers need not apply, that brains are more important than looks, that casual sex is not on offer and that the lucky man will have to put up with certain idiosyncrasies. "I sleep with my teddy bear and I have no intention of changing that arrangement," she says, before asking respondents to leave their e-mail addresses.

At the end of the messages, callers are invited to press a button that will provide others "with similar characteristics", though sleeping with teddy bears is one subset that does not register on the computer. The virtually endless possibilities are yours for about 50p a minute.

Love conquers all, but now it receives a helping hand from interactive systems

Thanks to computers, phone dating has become big business. One company in particular, Tele-Publishing UK, has made a splash in the fledgeling industry and identified it for international growth.

The Tele-Publishing companies comprise the largest "voice personals" business in the world and claim to have become the number one player in Britain in little more than a year. Growth has been so rapid that floating Tele-Publishing UK is becoming a serious option.

The Tele-Publishing companies are owned by Phoenix Media/Communications Group, of Boston, owner of the *Boston Phoenix*, an arts, entertainment and lifestyle newspaper, and several other media businesses with collective annual turnover of about $150 million (£89 million). David Dinnage, the 36-year-old American chief executive of Tele-Publishing UK, believes in the product he sells. When he arrived in London last year to launch the British company, he placed an introductions ad in *The Times*. He received 70 responses and a costly dating frenzy ensued.

The phone dating business was launched in 1989 by Stephen Mindich, 54, the chairman and owner of Phoenix Media. "I had installed a new voice-mail system in the company and I wondered whether the technology could be applied to personal ads," he says. "At that time, you could only respond to personal ads through the mail."

A software developer was recruited and Tele-Publishing was in business. The consumer response was phenomenal, and competitors began to pile in. "The benefits are enormous," says Mindich. "It's a private system and you have the opportunity to sample many people. Their thoughts, diction, likes and preferences are all there. You don't have to go to bars and singles clubs to learn about the person."

Telephone dating already existed in Britain before Tele-Publishing arrived. The American company just pursued and marketed it more aggressively, introduced more sophisticated software, and offered a one-stop service for newspapers.

Tele-Publishing places the ad, with a four-digit voice-box number, in newspapers at no charge to the person seeking companionship. The software then takes over and the money rolls in. Of the 50p-a-minute call, Tele-Publishing and the newspaper in which the ad appeared keep about 27p: the rest goes to the phone company.

Dinnage says that Tele-Publishing has already captured more than 40 per cent of the phone dating market. He believes that the market has plenty of room to expand because, he says cheerily, "35 per cent of the adult population is either single, widowed or divorced". There are plans to launch the service in The Netherlands, Germany and Australia.

Dinnage sees himself as more than simply a businessman. By rejecting ads from prostitutes and pursuing working professionals, he believes that he has helped to change the introductions business from one that catered for life's lonely losers to one that provides an essential service to those without the time or inclination to hang out in sleazy bars. "We're tking it out of the gutter and putting it into the mainstream," he says.

Perhaps, however, the old-fashioned method was not that bad after all. Dinnage, for all his responses, is still single and very much available.

South Africa counts the cost of deep decline in gold price

Inigo Gilmore looks at the knock-on economic effects of threatened job cuts among miners

Trade unions, economic analysts and industry leaders are painting a picture of a bleak social crisis in South Africa with the tumbling gold price threatening mine closures, a surge in unemployment and the possible demise of mining communtiies.

Economists estimate that as many as 50,000 goldminers could lose their jobs if gold prices fail to rise from their current 12-year low. But it is not just mining jobs in one of the country's biggest industries that are at risk. For every three miners of the 350,000 employed countrywide, at least one person is employed in related industries such as explosives, steel, drilling machinery and engineering. Communities in several parts of the country depend exclusively on the mines for their survival.

Ben Molapo, a spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), said: "This is major crisis and communities who get spin off from mines could go down badly if the mines go.

"Miners cannot be integrated easily into other economic activities and there is already large scale unemployment. The picture is bleak and so far the Govenment and the industry has not come up with social plans to address this problem."

Last Thursday, the gold price fell to its weakest level since 1985 and the slide could not have come at a worse time. Among the producers with the highest costs in the world, South African mines have suffered falling output since the 1970s and last year it was a dismal 496 tonnes. With a gold price that lingers at or below $320 an ounce, more mines are pushed to the marginal fringes and more jobs are at risk as employers attempt to cut costs.

The gold price slide last week was set off by an Australian Central Bank announcement that it had sold 60 per cent of its gold reserves. There are fears that other central banks will follow suit — a development that would be likely to result in a further depression in prices for years to come.

For every three miners in work, at least one person is employed in related industries

One analyst in Johannesburg said that even at $320 an ounce more than half of South Africa's mines are unprofitable. At $305 only five would stay open for long.

Roger Baxter, senior economist at the Chamber of Mines in Johannesburg, said that in the first three months of this year, nine goldmines, with 63,000 employees, were classified as marginal and seven of those were operating at a loss. With a third of the country's population out of work, and miners supporting on averge between seven and ten people on their salaries of around 2,000 rands a month, any major job cuts would place an ominous burden on the Government, whose job creation schemes have borne little fruit.

Furthermore, with the country holding an estimated 40 per cent of the world's gold reserves — it still accounts for a quarter of the gross domestic product and half of export earnings — damage to the industry could seriously shake confidence in the rand.

The Benoni Plant of East Rand Proprietary Mines near Johannesburg closed down last Monday partly because of the falling gold price. Marginal mines such as Durban Roodeport Deep, situated west of Johannesburg, are in serious trouble. The 102-year-old mine had as many as 18,000 workers in its heyday but now employs only 2,000. Their ambitious expansion plans were written when the gold price stood at $400.

But it is the rural areas where the economic and social burden linked to mine closures would be most keenly felt. The goldmines are the only source of income for many small towns such as Orkney in North West Province and Virginia in the Free State. They could simply end up becoming ghost towns. Large scale retrenchments would have a devastating knock-on effect as hundreds of restaurants, shops, and bars live off on mining custom.

Mr Molapo said the unions have been warning the Government for some time about the possible consequences of a dip in gold price but to no avail. He said because of the lack of social responsibility within the industry and the apartheid mentality of the past no money was set aside for retrenchment funds and a scheme initiated in 1988 to assist ex-miners in learning new skills is poorly funded.

The gold price slide also poses a regional crisis and trade unions in South Africa are urging the Government to investigate joint retrenchment schemes with neighbouring countries that supply thousands of migrant workers. For over a century, men from Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique who have been coming to the country to work in the goldmines. In Lesotho, mining earning accounts for 70 per cent of the country's rural household income — Mozambique is on similar scale — and about 50 per cent of the national budget comes from deferred pay to miners.

An estimated 70,000 Lesotho men have been retrenched from South African mines over the past ten years and they have returned with little or no job prospects. The landlocked country has long exported its unskilled labour but it has made no provison for those who fall vicitms to economic slumps and the social consequences are evident in some communties.

In the past, agriculture supplemented the mining income but the land cannot cope with the pressures of this increased demand. Crime has become a huge problem. Stock theft is up and there has been a rapid growth in gang related violence. In addition, the number of abandoned children has risen over recent years as their families cannot afford to feed them.

There are fears that that this scenario could be replicated across the region unless swift and decisive action is taken to reverse the decline. High on the industry's agenda is finding ways of increasing productivity by working more shifts, but for some mines at least it is probably too late.

TELEVISION CHOICE

How to travel and save

Dosh
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Adam Faith's cheery guide to money-stretching continues to score high on accessibility and down-to-earth advice. Among tonight's items are tips on shopping abroad to save money, whether buying a CD in New York or a Volvo in Sweden, and the importance, even for young couples who intend to be around for many more years, of making a will. A new running report follows Solly Cham as he sets up his own restaurant undaunted by the statistic that one new business in five goes bust in the first year. Perhaps the programme tries to cram too much in. As somebody who is considering changing from BT to a cable telephone system, your previewer was much interested in what *Dosh* had to say on the matter. It was disappointingly little.

Neighbours From Hell
ITV, 9.00pm

For those who have been watching the box attentively over the past few years this anthology of disputes between neighbours may have a familar ring. The cockerel which has been driving a couple mad in Devon has been much publicised, so has the dreadful racist campaign against Mal Hussain. He runs a grocery shop on an estate in Lancaster and has endured six years of attacks on himself and his property just because he is Asian. No fewer than 39 of his neighbours have criminal convictions for their behaviour but the trouble goes on. Less vicious, but just as vexing for the victims, are neighbours who plant fast-growing conifers which cut out light or have family rows in the small hours of the morning. Most bizarre is the tale of a couple who claim to be persecuted by neighbours who are jealous of their expensive home improvements.

Secret History: Gold Fever
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The Klondike gold rush of 1898 saw more than 100,000 people making for the icy wastes of northwest Canada in search of instant fortunes. Few found them and many died in the attempt. Charlie Chaplin satirised the episode as a parable of human greed. This reconstruction is more concerned to record than to judge. Like many documentaries from the United States it makes brilliant use of two resources our film-makers tend to neglect, the words of contemporaries in letters and diaries, and still photographs. One image, showing a long line of prospectors struggling up a snow-covered mountain, is wonderfully evocative. With historians and descendants of the pioneers adding their gloss, *Gold Fever* builds up a richly detailed account. Stories of individuals, some who made it and others who did not, are set against the epic sweep.

Gold prospectors in 1898 (C4, 9.00pm)

Perverted Justice
Channel 4, 10.55pm

It has often been remarked how the death penalty in the United States is applied disproportionately to blacks. *Perverted Justice* argues that the same applies to lesbians. Of 46 women awaiting execution in America, 40 per cent are lesbians either in fact or by insinuation. Since at the most lesbians make up only 10 per cent of the US female population, the case appears to be strong. The film backs up the figures by looking at actual cases and it does seem that lesbians who kill are more likely to receive a death sentence than straight women who commit similar crimes. The reason, it is suggested, lies in the strong moral disapproval of sexual deviance, particularly in the southern states where the death penalty is most widely used. The cinema has played its part by linking sexual deviance with criminality. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Role Play
Radio 3, 9.35pm

A new series of the programme that occasionally strays close to making a contribution to *Private Eye*'s "Luvvies" column but is generally a fascinating insight into the actor's art. The fact that the programme runs to 25 minutes means the listener is not left in that maddening gap between knowing too little and knowing too much. Tonight the two actors are Michael Pennington and Fiona Shaw, both talking about the very different interpretations of *Richard II* in which each has starred: Pennington in the Michael Bogdanov version and Shaw in Deborah Warner's production at the National. Shaw says she could not resist the gender challenge of playing Richard, wanting to "see what would happen".

The Radio 1 Roadshow
Radio 1, 11.30am

If you are no longer young, certain places in Scotland are worth avoiding this week. They are Aberdeen (today), Edinburgh (tomorrow), Balloch (Wednesday), Glasgow (Thursday) and Irvine (Friday). These are the locations for the first week of the Radio 1 Roadshow, which continues for six weeks. The main clue to the Roadshow's arrival in your town is an 80ft caravan painted silver and incorporating a huge video screen. The show itself has an effervescent quality which is rare in any broadcasting medium and the sense of organised chaos makes the show much more listenable than it might first appear. The live audience makes the atmosphere at the BBC's second-largest music promotion after the Proms. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow. See Choice **12.20pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jo Whiley **3.00** Mary Ann Hobbs **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Live Music Update **8.40** Andy Kershaw **10.30** Claire Sturgess **1.00am** Charlie Jordan **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **8.00** Malcolm Laycock **9.00** Big Band Special **9.30** Hayes over Britain **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Muscular Prose. The first of three programmes celebrating sports writing **8.00** Parkinson on Sport **9.00** Tales of the Turf **9.30** Work Out with Lesley Curwen **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST News on the hour **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The Four Caliphs **7.30** Omnibus **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Vintage Chart Show **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** A Question of Science **10.05** Business **10.15** Body of Knowledge **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Omnibus **12.30pm** Jazzmatazz **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** What's News **3.45** The Lab **4.05** Sport **4.15** Encyclopedia Historica **4.30** Hot New Country **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** Seven Days **6.45** Sport **7.30** Brain of Britain **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Heritage **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** Earth, Air, Fire And Water **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Seven Days **2.45** Dying Notes **3.30** On Screen **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **7.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Concerto. Vivaldi (Oboe Concerto in A minor RV461). Schumann (Violin Concerto in D minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Music to mark Bastille Day. Arr Berlioz (La Marseillaise), Gossec (Overture for Wind Instruments), Saint-Säens (Piano Concerto No 5 in F, Egyptian), Auber (Overture, The Black Domino), Massenet (Ballet Music, Le Cid) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Nick Abbot **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Mozart (Serenade in G, K525); Handel, arr Stokowski (Overture in D minor); Barber (Summer Music)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Brahms (Overture Academic Festival); Rimsky-Korsakov (Symphony No 2, Antar)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Cheltenham Festival Live. Includes Brahms (Horn Trio in E flat, Op 40); John Casken (Darting the Skiff); Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor, Op 95)
12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Beethoven
1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London, the final concert of the 1996-7 season. Takacs Quartet. Haydn (String Quartet in F, Op 74 No 2); Beethoven (String Quartet in C, Op 59 No 3, Rasumovsky)
2.05 Ulster Orchestra, under Jacek Kaspszyk, Adilia Alieva, piano. Borodin (Symphony No 2 in B minor); Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto); Victor Herbert (Hero and Leander)
3.45 Saxophone Colossus. Sonny Rollins talks about his work with the trumpeter Don Cherry and the saxophonist Coleman Hawkins in the 1960s (5/6)
4.15 Music Restored (r)
5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson talks to Major Terry Davies of the Band of the Welsh Guards
5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green
7.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Brian Morton introduces a concert given at last year's Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. Conductor Jerzy Maksymiuk, Patricia Rozario, soprano, Stephen Richardson, bass. Tavener (Akhmatova Requiem). Conductor Tan Dun, Susan Botti, soprano, Simon Haram, tenor saxophone. Tan Dun (Orchestral Theatre III)
9.35 Role Play. See Choice (1/5)
10.00 Voices. The pianist Iain Burnside introduces and accompanies the soprano Catrin Wyn-Davies. Includes Wolf (Frühling übers Jahr; Das Verlassene Mägdlein; Blumengruss; Gleich und Gleich; Anakreons Grab; Erstes Liebeslied eines Mädchens)
10.45 Mixing It. Mark Russell and Robert Sandall with the last programme of the series
11.30 Composers of the Week: Early Spanish Music Introduced by Catherine Bott (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather presents a profile of Charlie Teagarden
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.45** Hitting the Rocks **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Soapbox, with Andrew Neil
10.00 News; Big Bang (FM). Jez Nelson introduces the alternative science programme
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM)
11.30 Inside Money, with Paul Lewis (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Alice Beer
12.25pm Brain of Britain. The third semi-final chaired by Robert Robinson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Road to Paradise, by Julia Pascal (r)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. In the first of a week of retrospective programmes featuring the presenters, Lynne Walker recalls her Edinburgh roots where her love of concerts and opera began
4.45 Short Story — The French Collection: Augustine De Villeblanche, by the Marquis de Sade. Narrated by Charles Dance
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Dead Walk, by Paul Herzberg. During the Angolan Civil War in 1976, a white South African conscript was ordered to carry a wounded black freedom fighter on his back through the bush. With Mick Ford
9.15 Colour Radio, The first of a series exploring the sounds of colour (1/6)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Captain Corelli's Mandolin, by Louis de Bernière (6/15)
11.00 Tales from the Wildside. Fergus Keeling explores the passion for wildlife of three field scientists (3/4) (r)
11.00 Education Matters (LW), with David Walter
11.30 Pet Sematary (FM) (3/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News; (FM) Weather **12.30am Late Book: The The White Boy Shuffle,** by Paul Beatty. Set in the heart of America's urban culture. Read by Ray Shell (1/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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India via a roundabout, if not scenic route

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

David Dimbleby is at that wonderful stage in his journalistic career when nobody any longer questions what he is doing. "I'm off to India," he announced a few months ago. Nobody at the BBC posed the sort of questions that lesser mortals would have encountered, such as "why?" or "do you know anything about India?". They just smiled, gave him a camera crew and told him to send a postcard.

So he did. **David Dimbleby's India** (BBC2, Saturday and Sunday) was the equivalent of several postcards. He found a story, he pointed a camera at it and moved on. He would worry about how to link them together when he got back to England. But then the general election happened, brother Jonathan threatened to steal his thunder with his fly-on-the-Patten series about Hong Kong and, what with one thing or another, brother David never got round to worrying about the linking-together process very much at all.

The result was 100 minutes of rambling, contradictory television that was far more enjoyable than it had any right to be. The only real disappointment was that he never got round to "India — a land of contrasts": an opportunity missed on such occasions.

Two themes ran loosely through the programmes, with the emphasis on loosely. The first was economic progress, or as Dimbleby put it, "trying to catch up with the 20th century, so it can take part in the 21st". The second was the expanding role of women, or as Dimbleby put it: "Have you got a boyfriend?" His schoolgirl audience giggled politely, before explaining that things were different in India.

Put like that (the themes, not the boyfriends), it all sounded quite promising. Not quite Mark Tully but good enough. But then Dimbleby got diverted, at some length, by the Bihar fodder scam, where an awful lot of non-existent cows had allegedly attracted 900 million dollars of very real agricultural aid, and then by the human interest stories that you stumble over on every corner in India.

On Saturday, it was unwanted female babies, while last night it was a boy with no legs who swung himself around on his arms and wanted to become a tailor. Neither story had much to do with his main arguments, but Dimbleby knew they would move a British audience, so stuck them in anyway. Given that the alternative was more Indian agricultural policy, it was the right decision.

Last night's slightly more ordered programme ensured that most of the important points had been covered, albeit in no particular order. The bane that is India's birthrate; the threat to democracy when the benefits of progress accrue (very slowly) to an urban few rather than the rural many, and the gradual changes in India's class structure. We met slum-dwellers, the lower middle class and diamond-dealing Indian yuppies. But Dimbleby left us with a member of India's emerging managerial class, whose proudly stated aim in life was to become "a big-shot". By which he meant "a big house, a chauffeur-driven car, foreign holidays". In short, he wanted to be a Dimbleby and frankly, on the evidence of this jolly jaunt, who wouldn't?

After 17 minutes of **Dalziel & Pascoe** (BBC1, Saturday) I was confident I had cracked both the case of the dead cyclist and the murdered old soldier. As the next 73 minutes revealed, I couldn't have been more wrong or more pleased to be wrong. Over the past five weeks (four new stories, one opportunist repeat) the screen adaptations of Reginald Hill's novels have emerged as very good television — right up there with the chief inspectors Morse and Wexford. Their only real problem, curiously, is the lack of commercials, which tends to make a 90-minute episode rather hard work.

Their strengths are the well-judged humour (which never strays beyond the bounds of character) and the fact that these are true ensemble productions in a way that the rivals are not. Warren Clarke's wonderful Dalziel, who spent most of Saturday night under a cloud of suspected corruption and single malt whisky, is happy to leave large chunks of plot to Colin Buchanan's increasingly thoughtful Pascoe. He, in turn, is happy to cede substantial bits of script to his wife Ellie.

Dalziel, naturally, turned out to be still on the side of truth and justice in the end (how could we, let alone Pascoe, have thought otherwise?) which means that Yorkshire's finest will be back; just as soon as Hill's written a few more novels.

But no sooner than one treat goes, another returns. **Frazier** (Channel 4) was back, restoring Friday night to a sublime state of unmissability. First *Friends*, where's Ross's experiment with hair-gel is beginning to look like a terrible mistake. Then the somewhat underrated *Cybill*, where Cybill Shepherd and Christine Baransky are much funnier — and a whole lot ruder — than you'd expect them to be. And now, a new series of *Frazier*: perfect.

The opening episode was laugh-out-loud funny, partly because the writers had uncharacteristically borrowed a bit of old-fashioned British farce (the simple lie that quickly gets out of hand) and partly because of Scott Atkinson's truly terrible English accent. He was the son that Dick Van Dyke and Mary Poppins thankfully never had.

The fact that humour overcame such a handicap is down to the superb cast, Miles's infectious delight on the rare occasions he gets to kiss Daphne, and the fact that old-fashioned British farce can be very, very funny. Even when it's done by Americans.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (47581)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (12269)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3457714)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (1871820)
9.50 Kilroy (T) (5550288)
10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (64559)
11.00 News (T) and weather (7041066)
11.05 Due South Fraser suspects the local supermarket is selling horse meat when a youngster becomes seriously ill with food poisoning (r) (T) (5651838)
11.50 Good Neighbours (2068849)
12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (8529559)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (6206207)
12.35 Neighbours (T) (8954066)
1.00 News (T) and weather (15356)
1.30 Regional News (42539337)
1.40 FILM **Perry Mason: The Case of the Heartbroken Bride** (1983) with Raymond Burr and Barbara Hale. The ace attorney uses all his sleuthing skills to scupper a murderer out to frame a pop star at her society wedding. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II (3651375)
3.10 Quincy (9433288)
4.00 Popeye (r) (7990530) **4.10** Bananaman (r) (8512065) **4.15** Casper (T) (4391608) **4.35** Run the Risk (r) (T) (8001356) **5.00** Newsround (T) (1147424) **5.10** Elidor. New children's fantasy adventure (r) (T) (4735337)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (998085)
6.00 News (T) and weather (191)
6.30 Regional News Magazine (443)
7.00 Big Break with Peter Ebdon, Ken Doherty and Joe Johnson (T) (5482)
7.30 Mastermind from the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough. Specialist subjects are the Dreyfus affair, the life and painting of Rossetti, symphonic choral music and golf links in Britain and Ireland. Magnus Magnusson asks the questions (T) (627)
8.00 EastEnders Ian throws open the doors of his new chip shop (T) (1882)
8.30 Auntie's Natural Bloomers Terry Wogan serves up another selection of out-takes (T) (9707)
9.00 News (T) regional news and weather (9269)
9.30 Birds of a Feather Sharon worries her biological clock is ticking away and decides the time has come to have a baby (T) (95917)
10.00 Panorama Uncovering an international network of illegal smugglers who transport illegal immigrants into Britain and the rest of Europe (T) (100288)
10.45 FILM **She Says She's Innocent** (1991) Katey Sagal plays a mother forced to face up to the fact that her seemingly sweet teenage daughter is the prime suspect in a murder investigation. Also with Jameson Parker and Charlotte Ross. Directed by Charles Correll (574443)
12.15am FILM **When a Stranger Calls Back** (1993) Carol Kane stars as a woman terrorised by a psychotic murderer. Directed by Fred Walton (2435776)
1.40 Weather (3534950)

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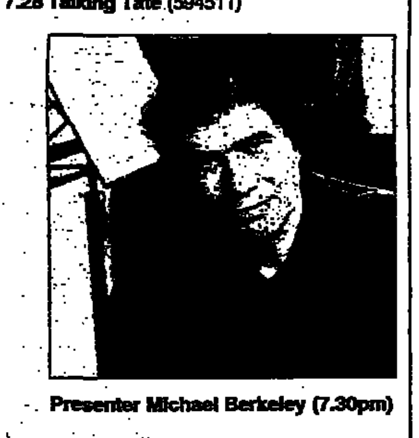
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Testing Teachers? (7031288) **6.25** Managing Schools (7010795) **6.50** An English Education (6241849)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (6996004)
7.30 The Moomins (7015462) **7.55** To Me, to You (r) (6956714) **8.20** Brum (6634795) **8.35** Raccoons (2556424) **9.00** Cartoon (5766608)
9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (1866998)
9.35 Great Myths and Mysteries of the 20th Century The development of the British DeHavilland DH106 Comet (2537240)
10.00 Teletubbies (96379)
10.30 FILM **Julius Caesar** (1953) Acclaimed adaptation of Shakespeare's play starring Marlon Brando and John Gielgud. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz (38288)
12.30pm Working Lunch (73795) **1.00** Joshua Jones (25168207) **1.10** Off the Beaten Track. The Muskerry line between Cork and Blarney (37305725) **1.40** Blockbusters (59538240) **2.05** The Natural World (r) (T) (5841795)
3.00 News; regional news (T) and weather (1081998)
3.05 Old, Dirty and Late *Inside Story* investigates why a London commuter rail line has fallen into disarray (r) (T) (6939462)
3.55 News (T) and weather (2420288)
4.00 FILM **The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance** (1962) John Ford western chronicling the conflict that erupts between ruthless gunslingers. With Lee Marvin, James Stewart and John Wayne (2511)
6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (T) (62849)
7.28 Talking Tate (594511)



Presenter Michael Berkeley (7.30pm)

7.30 The Farewell Gala To celebrate the last 50 years of the Royal Opera House, and mark its imminent two-year closure, Michael Berkeley introduces this star-studded spectacular live from Covent Garden. Featuring Placido Domingo and Sylvie Guillem. Ballet excerpts include *La Valse, Manon* and *Le Corsaire* (T) (93530)
9.00 The Vicar of Dibley Geraldine plans for an unusual funeral (r) (T) (7581)
9.30 The Farewell Gala Continued (T) (5319608) **NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to late-running**
10.45 Newsnight (257820) **11.30** The Phil Silvers Show (348578) **11.55** Weather (105694) **12.00** The Midnight Hour (82979)
12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: the Baptistery, Padua **1.00** Caribbean Poetry **1.30** La Bonne Formule **2.00** Summer Nights: Star Gazing Collections 1 **4.00** BBC Focus: Italia 2000 **4.30** Royal Institution Discourse: Science and Fine Art **5.30** RCN Nursing Update Unit 72

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7375220)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1872559)
9.55 Judge Judy New series presided over by outspoken family court judge Judy Sheindlin (T) (4585288)
10.20 News (T) (8370085)
10.25 Regional News (T) (8379356)
10.30 FILM **Daddy** (1991) with Patrick Duffy, Lynda Carter and Kate Mulgrew. Adaptation of Danielle Steel's novel about a man having *to adapt to the role of single parent when* his wife goes off to study. Directed by Michael Miller (94062608)
12.20pm Regional News (T) (8518443)
12.30 News (T) and weather (8973191)
12.55 The Pulse (8958882) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (37660627) **1.50** Side Effects (4521191) **2.40** Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman (7461882)
3.20 News (T) (1098288) **3.25** Regional News (T) (1097559)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (4397733) **3.40** Caribou Kitchen (1688356) **3.50** Tiny Toon Adventures (T) (6273627) **4.15** Wool! (r) (T) (397801) **4.45** On Your Marks (T) (8092608)
5.10 Highway to Heaven (1791191)
5.40 News (T) and weather (164191)
5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (844608)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (122998)
6.25 HTV Weather (461424)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (511)
7.00 Wheel of Fortune (T) (4630)
7.30 Coronation Street Alan is upset when Fiona defends Steve (T) (795)
8.00 World in Action The strange story of the sports commentator, the Lottery Fund and a lot of public cash (T) (6578)
8.30 Goodnight Mr Bean (r) (5085)

Richard Jobson and family (9.00pm)

9.00 Neighbours from Hell According to a survey, one in seven of us dreams of having different neighbours (T) (1511)
10.00 News (T) and weather (41608)
10.30 Regional News (T) (643733)
10.40 The Happiest Hospital Report on the plan to build a new children's hospital in the South West (513998)
11.15 Limited Edition (654608)
11.45 Tropical Heat (927337)
12.40am FILM **Into Thin Air** (1985) with Ellen Burstyn, Robert Prosky and Sam Robards. A frantic mother hires a private detective when her son disappears while attending summer school in Colorado. Directed by Roger Young (183080)
2.30 Rockmania (r) (27009)
3.30 God's Gift (r) (8283641)
4.25 Recollections (78640689)
4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (22924399)
5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (94399)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
10.30am Our House (59627)
11.00 Side Effects (9416019)
11.50 Chatsworth (3586646)
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8958882)
1.50 Blue Heelers (8997337)
2.50-3.20 High Road (8390849)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1791191)
6.25-7.00 Central News (268795)
10.40 Film: The Face of Fear (32175628)
12.40 War of the Worlds (5161009)
1.40 Late and Loud (9498009)
2.40 Film: Lambada — The Forbidden Dance (688592)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
10.30 Our House (59627)
11.00 Side Effects (9416019)
11.50 Chatsworth (3586646)
12.55pm Home and Away (8958882)
1.25 High Road (41800135)
1.55 Murder, She Wrote (8905356)
2.50-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (8390849)
5.10 Home and Away (1791191)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (78240)
10.30 Westcountry News (634085)
10.45 The View from Here (683117)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (927337)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
10.30am Film: Hart to Hart Returns (94062608)
12.55pm-1.25 Shortland Street (8958882)
1.50 At Home (59545530)
2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (5855998)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1791191)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (559)
6.30-7.00 Summer Getaways (511)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (634085)
10.45 Fair Cops (657795)
11.15 Go Fishing (654608)
11.45 Swift Justice (927337)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 10.30am Film: Hart to Hart Returns (94062608) **12.55-1.25 A Country Practice 1.50 Up Shot!** (5691530) **2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers** (4046062) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (1791191) **6.25-7.00 Anglia News** (266795) **10.40 Cross Question** (701066) **11.40 Highlander** (660530)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (33849) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (38207) **9.00 Bewitched** (51085) **9.30 The Monroes** (1567066) **10.25 On the Way to Monkey Bay** (6870240) **11.25 Urbanissimo** (3563795) **11.30 Springhill** (6172) **12.00 Members Only** (71849) **12.30pm Montel Williams** (91191) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (25144627) **1.15 Miffi** (25132882) **1.30 Film: Dallas** (45761733) **3.15 Laws of Mortal Danger** (6414882) **3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (917) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (424) **4.30 Garden Party** (608) **5.00 5 Pump** (9207563) **5.15 Fiell** (1159269) **5.30 Countdown** (288) **6.00 Newyddion** (107714) **6.05 Heno** (133004) **6.35 Jac yn y Bocs** (478714) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (869337) **7.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar** (394462) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (7820) **8.30 Newyddion** (3627) **9.00 Secret History: The Tragedy of HMS Glorious** (9153) **10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway?** (72578) **10.30 True Stories: Football Dreams** (8479733) **11.50 Tour De France** (553397) **12.20am Perverted Justice** (6220825)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (33849) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (38207) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (51085)
9.30 The Monroes (1567066) **10.25** On the Way to Monkey Bay. Exploring Lake Malawi in southern Africa (r) (T) (6870240) **11.25** Secrets of the Moor. The Quantocks (r) (T) (5567733) **11.55** Cornwall. Animation (6292004)
12.00 Members Only (6/6) (r) (T) (71849) **12.30pm** Caroline in the City (r) (T) (8971733) *12.55 Moving People (r) (T) (8956424)* **1.25** Travelog Treks. Zanzibar (r) (T) (83208240) **1.30** Barbershop (b/w) W.C. Fields short (79495578)
1.50 FILM **Dancing in the Dark** (1949) A musical comedy, with William Powell, Betsy Drake and Adolphe Menjou. Directed by Irving Reis (T) (49662714)
3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (T) (917) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (424) **4.30** Countdown (T) (8095795) **4.55** Montel Williams (T) (2955578) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (288)
6.00 Tour de France The first mountain stage — 182km from Pau to Loudenville, Vallée du Louron (801)
6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (153)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (760356)
7.50 York Early Music Festival The first of five daily visits. The Rose Consort of Viols perform John Dowland's 1604 *Seaven Teares figured in Seaven Passionate Pavans* (373240)
8.00 CHOICE **Dosh** Adam Faith's guide to money management, featuring the benefits of shopping abroad with sterling and an update on a fledgeling London restaurateur (7/8) (T) (7820)
8.30 Absolutely Animals Rescuing wild donkeys in Death Valley, California. How Edinburgh Zoo is building enclosures to stimulate their occupants (6/8) (T) (3627)
9.00 CHOICE **Secret History: Gold Fever** The story of the Klondike gold rush (T) (9153)
10.00 NYPD Blue Sipowicz smells a rat when he investigates a crime involving royalty (T) (832375)

Andrea Jackson (10.55pm)

10.55 CHOICE **Perverted Justice** Women on death row in America (T) (721820)
11.55 The Russian Idea A look at Russian cinema (138191)
1.00am FILM **Urga** (1991) A comedy about the friendship between a Mongolian sheep farmer and a Russian truck driver. Directed by Nikita Mikhalkov. English subtitles (43883979)
3.05 Broadway Stories (r) (T) (5350009) **3.40** The Big Fish (r) (20719711) **3.55** Tolerance for the Dead. The activities of the American Missing in Action teams (8284370) **4.55** Tour de France (r) (22926757) **5.25** Backdate (r) (T) (6274776)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. **Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will** be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (9429240)
7.30 Havakazoo (7262627) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7152424) **8.30** WideWorld. The nature, evolution and structure of the living earth. Last in series (7151795)
9.00 Espresso (3852085) **10.00** Exclusive! (r) (5831795) **10.30** Attractions (r) (7171559)
11.00 Leeza (6713375) **11.50** Double Espresso (19564733) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7155511) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4736269)
1.00 5 News Update (T) (54114545) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8779356) **2.00** 5's Company (6742511)
3.30 FILM **After the Promise** (1987) with Mark Harmon and Diana Scarwid. The true story of a widower's fight to gain custody of his four sons. Directed by David Greene (1278356)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68892269)
5.30 100 Per Cent (7509849)
6.00 Move on Up A game show *with* a host — Richard Morton (T) (7599462)
6.30 Family Affairs Lee finally wakes from his coma (T) (7580714)
7.00 Exclusive! A special report on *Plastic Fantastic* (cosmetic surgery), taking a look at stars who have their bodies remodelled and reshaped. Includes an interview with the Page 3 Girl, Melinda Messenger (6849153)
7.30 Close Encounters Wildlife documentary looking at animal life in Dulwich, South London (T) (7586998)
8.00 Hot Property This week's buyers are a middle-aged couple with a disabled son, looking to buy a second home in Cheshire (T) (6858801)
8.30 5 News (T) (6844608)

Jon Voight stars (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM **Runaway Train** (1985) with Jon Voight, Eric Roberts and Rebecca DeMornay. Unconventional action movie about a vicious criminal and a fellow inmate who escape from an Alaska jail and hide on a driverless train. Directed by Andrei Konchalovsky (9753795)
11.00 Not the Jack Docherty Show Guests include Gary Barlow (2140207)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (9391559)
12.45am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (81470283)
4.40 The Streets of San Francisco (6189931)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3833950)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (942707) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (70862) **10.00** Another World (79573) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (59714) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (25172) **1.00pm** Geraldo (34820) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (15862) **3.00** Jenny Jones (41646) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (20153) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9207) **6.00** The Live 6 Show (2262) **6.30** Married — with Children (6846) **7.00** The Simpsons (7608) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5733) **8.00** Star Trek: Voyager (73733) **9.00** Poltergeist: The Legacy (60269) **10.00** Sisters (63356) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (70207) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (38757) **1.00am** Hit Mix (2933950)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (6456117) **7.30** Superboy (3588424) **8.00** Blood and Orchids, Part Two (2156559) **10.00** Profit (2135066) **11.00** In the Heat of the Night (8070443) **12.00** Hit Mix (2051912)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am How the West Was Fun (1993) (39443) **7.30 Fugitive Family** (1980) (76462) **9.30 D2: The Mighty Ducks** (1995) (42733) **11.30 Letters from the East** (1995) (72137) **1.30pm Sleep, Baby, Sleep** (1995) (63936) **3.00 Bedtime Story** (1964) (29795) **5.00 How the West Was Fun** (1993) (92356) **7.00 D2: The Mighty Ducks** (1995) (89191) **9.00 Iron Eagle IV** ([illegible]) ([illegible]) **10.45 The Good Son** (1993) (114085) **12.15am Nicky and Gino** (1988) (841461) **2.05 Spenser: Ceremony** ([illegible]) (6825115) **3.35 Deadly Vows** (1994) (2697680)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Brigham Young (1940) (92240) **8.00 Bermuda Triangle** (1995) (37004) **10.00 The Feminine Touch** (1941) (15766) **12.00 The Toast of New York** (1937) (274627) **2.00pm Trail Street** (1947) (95578) **4.00 Bermuda Triangle** (1995) (2153) **6.00 Rolling Thunder** (1994) (88801) **7.30 El** (8443) **8.00 The Almost Perfect Bank Robbery** (1998) (77559) **10.00 Species** (1995) (290066) **11.50 Threesome** (1994) (850917) **1.25am There Goes My Baby** (1994) (209979) **3.05 The Great White Hope** (1970) (477478) **4.50 Samson and Sally** (4045115)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm You Can't Take It with You (1938) (68697462) **8.05 Planes, Trains and Automobiles** (1988) (69982795) **10.00 Out for Justice** (1991) (3904066) **11.35 All the Right Moves** (1983) (2198207) **1.05am The Honey Pot** (1967) (20000573) **3.20-5.35 Lost Horizon** (1973) (54794028)

TNT

9.00pm How the West Was Won (1962) (13493375) **11.30 Billy the Kid** (1941) (11830153) **1.15am The Fastest Gun Alive** (1956) (75626318) **2.50-5.00 Colorado Territory** (1949) (91482806)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am World Sport Special (14743) **7.30** Watersports World (22424) **8.30** Racing News (12733) **9.00** World Sport Special (32135) **9.30** Aerobics (49375) **10.00** Rugby League: St Helens v Halifax (29511) **12.00** Aerobics (23849) **12.30pm** Big Shots (53207) **1.30** Motorcycling: World Superbikes Championship (67004) **3.30** High 5 (4269) **4.00** Pool: World Championships (7627) **6.00** Sports Centre (3153) **6.30** High 5 (7733) **7.00** Pro Beach Soccer (45199) **8.00** Futbol Mundial (7240) **8.30** Golf: FA Premier League Classic (84820) **10.00** Sports Centre (24578) **10.30** Big Shots (97820) **11.30** Futbol Mundial (58511) **12.00** Sports Centre (37467) **12.30am** Golf: FA Premier League Classic (78047) **2.00-2.30** Sports Centre (15060)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Watersports World (10269608) **1.00pm** Golf: Senior Players' Championship and LPGA US Open (73111917) **6.00** Grand Prix Sailing (19405578) **6.30** The Winning Post: Wolverhampton and Windsor — Live (89725462) **8.30-11.30** World Motorsport (44456172)

EUROSPORT

7.30am IndyCar Cleveland Grand Prix (37356) **9.00** Cycling: Tour De France (10424) **10.00** Cycling: Tour De France — Live (1106801) **4.00pm** Motorsport: Touring Cars — STW Cup (60795) **5.00** Motorsport: Speedworld Magazine (52085) **6.30** Athletics: Salamanca EAa Permit Meeting — Live (96356) **8.00** Boxing: John John Molina v Isaac Cruz (45135) **9.00** Cycling: Tour De France (95612) **11.00-12.30am** Snooker: Ronnie O'Sullivan v Jimmy White (72511)

UK GOLD

7.00am Animal Magic (6594917) **7.35** Neighbours (5097795) **8.00** Crossroads (5823545) **8.25** EastEnders (7521627) **9.00** The Bill (4379424) **9.30** Shelley (8813337) **10.00** Tellystack (1035443) **10.30** The Sullivans (4375608) **11.00** *Bergerac* (49107004) **12.05pm** Crossroads (81624559) **12.30** Neighbours (8817153) **1.00** EastEnders (5565288) **1.35** Dear John (5333153) **2.15** The Mistress (2954004) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (7619761) **3.30** The Bill (9947424) **4.00** Boon (1774511) **5.00** Casualty (68837559) **6.05** EastEnders (8132356) **6.40** Sykes (7010646) **7.20** Dr Who: Pyramids of Mars (5143424) **7.50** George and Mildred (8658849) **8.30** Wowfabgroovy (2849714) **9.00** The Bill (1770795) **9.30** Casualty (87155066) **10.35** Minder (9865172) **11.35** Spitting Image (2090462) **12.10am** Colditz (6225641) **1.05** **FILM: Apache Woman** (24607134) **2.30** Shopping (7459738)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (1218511) **7.00** Coronation St (9839545) **7.30** Families (1515730) **8.00** Surprise! Surprise! (4932269) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5779849) **10.00** Gentle Touch (4984694) **11.00** London's Burning (5571398) **12.00** Coronation St (4072530) **12.30pm** Families (1113171) **1.00** Two's Company (9537408) **1.30** The Beautiful Home Show (2563612) **2.00** Surprise! Surprise! (9981578) **3.00** Gentle Touch (5782530) **4.00** Dempsey and *Makepeace (5778337) 5.00 London's Burning* (1673359) **6.00** Families (6554375) **6.30** Coronation St (6545827) **7.00** Gentle Touch (1422882) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (1431530) **9.00** *Coronation St* (5707849) **9.30** The Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club (1018527) **10.00-11.00** London's Burning (1421153)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (88578) **6.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (24559) **7.30** Little Mermaid (7207820) **7.55** Timon and Pumbaa (6174646) **8.10** Goof Troop (4547191) **9.00** Tale Spin (6835337) **9.25** Aladdin (6768820) **10.15** Mighty Ducks (3085191) **11.00** Boy Meets World (5211356) **11.25** The Wonder Years (4450040) **11.50** Timon and Pumbaa (4590627) **12.05pm** Bonkers (1028795) **12.30** Mouse and Mole (38628646) **12.35** Big Garage (35962085) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (8028085) **1.15** Amazing Animals (53420649) **1.40** Adventures in Wonderland (21809066) **2.05** Small Stories (65885207) **2.10** Lamb Chop's Play-Along (32628530) **2.40** Care Bears (7095714) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4959085) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (6358998) **3.40** Tale Spin (6443191) **4.30** Everyday's a Chooseday (5530) **5.00** Aladdin (4899627) **5.25** Timon *and Pumbaa (5964511) 5.35 Mighty Ducks* (899375) **6.00** Flash Forward (3795) **6.30** Boy Meets World (7375) **7.00** Brotherly Love (1462) **7.30** **FILM: One Christmas** (61836) **9.00** Dave's World (63563) **9.30-10.00** Life's Work (96207)

A scene from *How the West Was Won* (TNT, 9.00pm)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (5833085) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (6170004) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (6061795) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (6073530) **8.00** Beetleborgs (8674269) **8.30** Crocadoo (8866240) **9.00** Rimba's Island (6818375) **9.20** The Magic Box (9976578) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (2495424) **10.05** Rimba's Island (7604511) **10.25** The Magic Box (6564240) **11.00** Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol (6992998) **11.30** Pinocchio (6993627) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (8977356) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (61427249) **12.50** Power Rangers Zeo (85827004) **1.10** Beetleborgs (12333998) **1.30** Eek! (9816085) **2.00** Life with Louie (4551581) **2.30** Crocadoo (5507559) **3.00** Gadget Boy (1501268) **3.30** Eek! (5502004) **4.00** Life with Louie (5581511) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5587795) **5.00** *Beetleborgs* (6561761) **5.30** Spiderman (5501375) **6.00** X Men (5506288) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (558224)

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (52424) **6.30** Dangermouse (73443) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (29171) **7.30** Where's Wally (90608) **8.00** Batman (59288) **8.30** Art Attack (29443) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (78801) **10.00** Gravedale High (64795) **10.30** Flash Gordon (38795) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (20191) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (21820) **12.00** Gravedale High (52375) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (89917) **1.00** Batman (79612) **1.30** Dangermouse (88288) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (3820) **2.30** Flash Gordon (8240) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (9827) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (9135) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (2820) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (8004)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm**. Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Wubbulous World of Dr Seuss (47578) **6.30** Will Quack Quack etc (76917) **7.00** Babar (14725) **7.30** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (86882) **8.00** Jumanji (11004) **8.30** Hey Arnold! (10375) **9.00** Rugrats (32117) **9.30** Rugrats (47917) **10.00** Doug (87269) **10.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (90511) **11.00** Rocko (82917) **11.30** Ren and Stimpy (83646) **12.00** Pete and Pete (14191) **12.30pm** Clarissa (41733) **1.00** Alex Mack (64266) **1.30** Round the Twist (40004) **2.00** Bailey Kipper (5646) **2.30** Littlest Pet Shop (2066) **3.00** Stickin' Around (4153) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (5511) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (4646) **4.30** Rugrats (3530) **5.00** Sister Sister (6998) **5.30** Sister Sister (4882) **6.00** Moesha (1795) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (5375)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (4384356) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (8942849) **1.00** Madison (9549207) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (8834820) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (2835511) **2.30** No Naked Flames (9960375) **3.00** Byker Grove (2854646) **3.30** Hangtime (9965820) **4.00** California Dreams (9951627) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (9940511) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (2859191) **5.30** Ready or Not (9964191) **6.00** Hangtime (9961004) **6.30** Madison (9952356) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (2846627) **7.30-8.00** California Dreams (9941240)

BRAVO

8.00pm New Twilight Zone (2855375) **8.30** Monsters (2834882) **9.00** LA Heat (6489917) **10.00** Tour of Duty (6482004) **11.00** **FILM: Basket Case II** (7894801) **1.00am** LA Heat (4378912) **2.00** Tour of Duty (5732689) **3.00** **FILM: The Music of Chance** (8937009) **5.00** New Twilight Zone (6994660) **5.30** Monsters (1056196)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (9462) **7.30** Family Ties (1559) **8.00** E UK (5882) **8.30** Wings (4917) **9.00** Cheers (62153) **9.30** Cybill (38269) **10.00** Frasier (15820) **10.30** It's Garry Shandling's Show (91240) **11.00** In Bed with McDinner (74998) **11.30** Kids in the Hall (56153) **12.00** Soap (35009) **12.30am** The Odd Couple (12680) **1.00** Cheers (85776) **1.30** Cybill (91825) **2.00** E UK (46950) **2.30** In Bed with MeDinner (32757) **3.00** Frasier (65912) **3.30-4.00** Wings (23009)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Space Precint (8260443) **9.00** Sightings (8280207) **10.00** SF Scene (3579882) **10.30** Mysteries Magic and Miracles (3588530) **11.00** The Making of the Fifth Element (9330578) **11.30** Space Precint (2678135) **12.30am** SF Scene (4241134) **1.00** The Twilight Zone (8545318) **1.30** One Step Beyond (5428252) **2.00** Friday the 13th (9517009) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (8502134)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (4377066) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (8844207) **10.00** Garden Club (1033085) **10.30** Craftwise (4306578) **11.00** Room for Improvement (1781801) **11.30** Sweet Things (1782530) **12.00** Julia Child (4380530) **12.30pm** Hometime (8815795) **1.00** This Old House (9512153) **1.30** New Yankee Workshop (8814066) **2.00** Tool Box (2848085) **2.30** Driving Passions (9973849) **3.00** Driving Passions (2850820) **3.30-4.00** Roadrunner (9945065)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Danger Zone (9957801) **4.30** Fire (9953085) **5.00** Connections 2 by James Burke (2839337) **5.30** Jurassica (9944337) **6.00** Wild Sanctuaries (9974578) **6.30** Deadly Australians (9958530) **7.00** Discovery News (2842301) **7.30** Time Travellers (9954714) **8.00** Ancient Warriors (2868849) **8.30** Bush Tucker Man (2847356) **9.00** Adventures of the Quest (6485191) **10.00** Sexual Imperative (6495578) **11.00** Wings (9522530) **12.00** Flight Deck (1051641) **12.30am** Fire (9245689) **1.00** Time Travellers (4327660) **1.30-2.00** Connections 2 by James Burke (7854283)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (9339849) **5.00** Hollywood (6812998) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (9807443) **7.00-8.00** Biography: The Queen Mother (8251795)

CHALLENGE TV

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5.05 Cross Wits (7749288) **5.50** Family Fortunes (874066) **6.30** Catchphrase (737004) **7.05** Winner Takes All (682240) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (852172) **8.20** All Clued Up (712240) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (699838) **9.35** Sale of the Century (936207) **10.10** Treasure Hunt (493375) **11.20** Studs (986085) **12.00** Winner Takes All (73283) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (35370) **1.30** Sweet Justice (67115) **2.30** African Skies (70931) **3.00** My Two Dads (29134) **3.30** Big Brother Jake (61383) **4.00** The Fall Guy (77080) **5.00** Shopping (17824)

UK LIVING

7.00am Tiny Living (38345627) **9.05** Gladrags and Glamour (4490288) **9.15** Gordon Elliott (3703153) **10.05** Jerry Springer (3780917) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3948172) **11.50** Brookside (9611578) **12.25pm** Why Me? Real Life Case Studies (70259288) **12.55** Tempestt (4702820) **1.40** Rolonda (2222337) **2.30** The Agony Experience (5787559) **3.00** Live at Three (90264240) **4.05** Jerry Springer (6554627) **5.05** Lingo (57433646) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (5781375) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (7412424) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (2511733) **7.05** Hearts Afire (7765172) **7.35** Brookside (1349998) **8.05** Rolonda (9690795) **9.00** **FILM: Miss All-American Beauty** (2573882) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (9308066)

ZEE TV

7.00am Live Asia Cup Cricket (26310153) **4.00pm** ZEE Zone Presents (36742820) **4.05** Ikke Pe Ikka (58342004) **4.35** Hum Panch (53672998) **5.00** Zone Time (91603530) **5.25** Teer Kamaan (66103581) **6.00** Usha Uthup Show (82121424) **6.25** Ek Nazar (65674559) **6.30** ZEE and You (98446725) **7.00** Video Countdown (60994269) **8.00** News and Euronews *(52690085) 8.35 Sailaab (97355397)* **9.00** **FILM: Aakhri Baazi** (47428917) **11.30-12.00** Shu Chale Chhe? (66802424)

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Supermarkets must share petrol burden, say oil firms

By Martin Barrow

SUPERMARKET chains would be forced to store vast additional quantities of petrol, a cost that would put upward pressure on prices, under proposals put forward by oil companies as part of the Office of Fair Trading inquiry into the petrol market.

Big oil groups such as BP, Shell and Elf claim current legislation on compulsory stocks — reserves of petrol held by the industry to ensure continuity of supply in the event of war — give an unfair advantage to independent petrol retailers.

In evidence to the OFT later this month, integrated oil companies will tell John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, that supermarket chains, including Tesco and J Sainsbury, should be required to shoulder a greater share of the burden of ensuring continuous supplies. The OFT launched an inquiry into petrol retailing, including the effects of alleged predatory pricing by Esso through its PriceWatch campaign, last month. National Economics Research Associates, an independent consultancy, was appointed to determine the impact of an increase in the number of low-cost supermarket outlets.

Detailed questionnaires sent by the OFT to the oil industry and consumer groups must be returned by August 1. The outcome of the inquiry, the latest in a long series of probes by regulatory bodies, is expected in the autumn.

Although the issue of compulsory stocks does not directly fall within the remit of this latest inquiry, integrated oil companies will seize the opportunity "to press for a level playing field," according to one source.

Oil companies with refineries must hold sufficient stocks to cover 75 days of forward supplies. The requirement for independent retailers with no refining capacity is 65 days. Although the disparity may appear minimal, the high volumes of petrol involved mean that the capital cost of fulfilling this legal requirement is substantial. Elf's Milford Haven refinery produces 1.4 billion litres of petrol each year.

With profit margins falling below 4p per litre of petrol for much of the past 12 months — many forecourts have sold petrol at a loss for lengthy periods — oil companies say the modest difference enjoyed by supermarkets translates into a major competitive advantage.

Chris Hunt, a spokesman for the UK Petroleum Industries Association, which represents the leading oil companies, said: "It is a contentious issue that needs to be addressed. It is an unfair advantage held by supermarkets over the oil companies at a time when profit margins are minimal." Mr Hunt estimates compulsory stocks cost oil companies about £40 million a year in interest charges.

British supermarkets now claim about 23 per cent of the petrol retail market, with Sainsbury alone selling about 1.95 billion litres a year.

Julian Risley, head of petrol at Sainsbury, disputed claims that supermarkets enjoyed an unfair advantage. He argued that integrated oil companies mostly fulfil the compulsory stocks requirement with products they need to maintain for operational purposes. "It heavily favours integrated players," he said.

Heathrow cuts stretched BA before action

By Jon Ashworth

BRITISH AIRWAYS has admitted that overstretched resources at Heathrow resulted in baggage delays and flight cancellations well in advance of last week's industrial action by cabin crew.

High numbers of passengers transferring from other flights, coupled with bad weather and staff shortages, pushed resources to breaking point in late June. Cabin crew shortages resulted in three long-haul cancellations, an overnight delay, and a short-haul cancellation.

The details, disclosed in BA's staff newspaper, point to the longer-term consequences of BA's cost-cutting drive, pioneered by Bob Ayling, the chief executive. BA wants £1 billion in annual cost savings by 2000 and is ruthlessly streamlining its operations.

Controversy over the measures is set to overshadow the BA annual meeting, which takes place in London tomorrow'. Last year's threatened pilots' strike cost BA an estimated £15 million in lost business, and analysts put the cost of the current strike action at £15 million to £20 million per day. The precise cost is difficult to quantify, since passengers on full fare tickets can switch to other carriers without notifying BA. Analysts intend to revise their forecasts once the full impact of the industrial action becomes clearer. BA made a pre-tax profit of £640 million last year, on sales of £8.4 billion, and analysts have forecast profits of £715 million.

The potential for trouble at Heathrow stems from the high number of passengers transferring to BA from other flights. About 40 per cent of passengers flying with BA fit this category — Heathrow is an important feeder for traffic from mainland Europe — and BA personnel fear any slight hiccough threatens a damaging knock-on effect.

Bad weather in London and an air traffic control (ATC) failure in France contributed to the June incident. According to the BA report: "Transfer loads reached record levels and staff shortages in terminals meant that resources were stretched beyond limits.

"The impact on baggage was considerable and Heathrow Terminal 4 performance suffered badly, particularly at the end of the week, from late arrivals caused by French ATC and adverse weather, major baggage system breakdowns on Friday and Saturday, as well as the sheer volume." BA denied having a problem with resources at Heathrow, and blamed its difficulties on isolated conditions. Flights were arriving up to an hour late because of bad weather, leaving little time in which to transfer baggage.

BA insiders say the high volume of transfer passengers leaves the carrier with little room for manoeuvre. Anger over BA's cost-cutting measures has resulted in "go-slows", and seen baggage handlers (employed by BA at Terminal 1 and Terminal 4) refusing to load aircraft, further delaying flights.

Problems have been exacerbated by the breakdown of new baggage machinery installed by BAA, which operates Heathrow. Heathrow handles 55 million passengers a year.

The company was yesterday battling to restore a full service despite disruption caused by the continued absence of staff after services were crippled by the 72-hour walk-out.

BA said that of the 2,000 employees who called in sick, 200 have reported fit for work and about 150 of the 331 crew that were on strike have now called in for work. It is expected to take until at least midweek before normal service can be resumed.

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Game brains: the team behind Medievil, the computer game developed by Millennium, which Sony plans to double in size

Sony spends £6m on research base

By Jason Nissé

SONY, the Japanese electronics company, is to set up a research base with 100 employees in Cambridge to develop computer technology known as artificial life.

The move is a vote of confidence in the expertise of British computer programmers and follows last month's decision by Microsoft to spend £50 million developing a research centre in the area now being dubbed silicon fen.

Sony is spending around £6 million to buy Millennium, a software development group based in Cambridge and jointly owned by Ian Santer and Michael Hayward.

This company, with 52 employees, will become Sony's Cambridge studio, which Sony plans to double in size during the next 18 months. As part of the deal, Sony is entering into a development agreement with CyberLife Technology, a company run by Mr Hayward, which is one of the world leaders in artifical life. This technology marries artificial intelligence with the three-dimentional graphics used in computer games to create what are described as "virtual organisms".

"The creatures behave like a pet or a child," said Anil Malhutra, a programmer at CyberLife. "You can encourage what it does but you cannot make it do anything. The creature feels hungry, tired even bored or afraid."

The technology was developed for computer games and is now being applied more widely. NCR, the US financial technology group, has hired CyberLife to model a virtual bank so that it can predict what sort of automated teller machines would be most popular with consumers.

Sony will now have two technology centres in the UK; it owns Psygnosis, the games maker in Liverpool. "In the interactive games industry, the UK is where the creativity and talent is," said Juan Montes, vice president of software development at Sony.

Discovery to launch themed retailers

By Eric Reguly

DISCOVERY Communications, the American documentary maker that has formed a $500 million (£295 million) joint programming venture with the BBC, is to launch a chain of nature and science-themed retailers in Britain and continental Europe.

The effort stems from Discovery's purchase last year of the Nature Company stores in the US. The 134 stores will be recast as Discovery outlets, at a cost of up to $300,000 per store, including the two at Heathrow and Gatwick.

John Hendricks, founder and chairman of Discovery, said additional Discovery stores will be built elsewhere in Britain, starting in London, and in continental Europe. "We feel we have reached the critical mass to justify the stores," he said.

The stores will carry products related to the Discovery Channel, the cable and satellite network that is available in more than 100 million homes in about 150 countries. BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC, owns 20 per cent of the Discovery Channel in the US. Discovery Channel Europe, launched in 1989, is available in 12.5 million homes.

The Discovery channels, which draw a lot of their content from the BBC's librairies, carry a wide range of factual programming in the science, nature, adventure, history and exploration areas. Related products, from interactive CDs and models of dinosaurs to fossils and telescopes, and will be sold in Discovery stores. They probably will also contain BBC products, such as videos, CDs and books.

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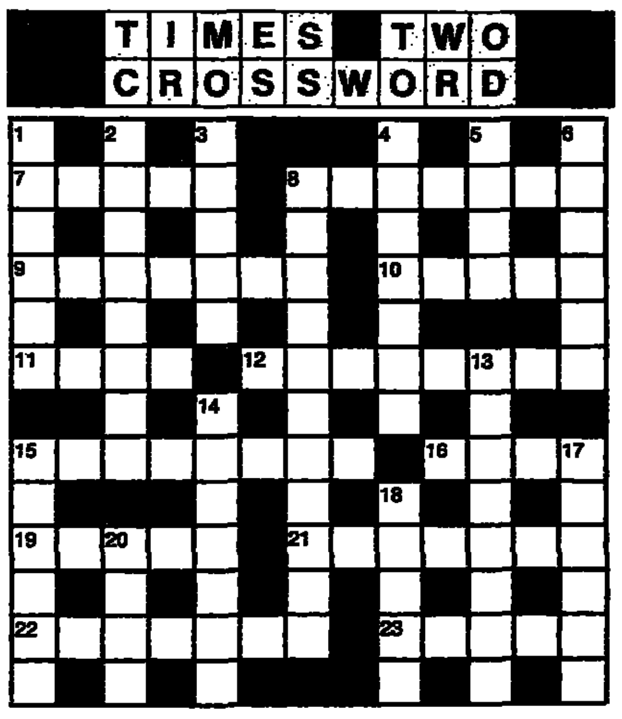

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- 15 State with royal head (8)
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- 23 Anger (5)

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- 6 Land surrounded by water (6)
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BT to begin talks over MCI merger discount

By Eric Reguly

THE chairman of MCI arrives in London today in a bid to stave off BT's attemps to cut the price it has agreed to pay for the US telecoms group.

The talks between Bert Roberts, MCI's chairman, and Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief executive, come in the wake of the surprise announcement that MCI's local phone business will lose $800 million (£500 million) this year. The negotiations will be fraught with difficulties and may ultimately fail.

BT agreed last November to pay about £13 billion for MCI, the second-largest long-distance phone company in the US. But if BT pushes too hard, MCI may be tempted to abandon the deal or take legal action for breach of contract. If, on the other hand, BT agrees to leave the purchase price unchanged or receives only a small concession, it will risk incurring the wrath of its powerful institutional shareholders, including the Prudential and Mercury Asset Management.

Insiders at both companies said they will work on the assumption that BT and MCI are eager to find some way to complete the merger, which will create a global telecoms company called Concert. BT said the deal still makes strategic sense because it needs a strong presence in America, the world's largest phone market. MCI, for its part, needs BT to help to finance its multibillion-dollar drive into the local markets. Traders said MCI's share price would collapse if BT withdrew.

Sir Peter is said to be furious that he was not informed about the deeper losses in MCI's local business until last week. "Bonfield doesn't like surprises," said a colleague.

Sir Peter's anger is such that he is expected to press for the resignations of several senior managers at MCI. Doug Maine, the MCI finance director who was to become Concert's finance director, and Tim Price, head of MCI's telecoms business, are thought to be the most vulnerable.

Sir Peter is to go to MCI's headquarters in Washington after BT's annual meeting on Wednesday to investigate the losses suffered by MCI's local business.

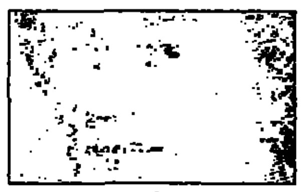
Hopes for 'plastic euro' fade

By Oliver August

PLANS to print euro notes on plastic have been scrapped by the European Commission after banknote printers gave warning that the ink can come off easily.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Australia suffered acute embarrassment when the Queen's head started to disappear from its new plastic banknotes. Creasing causes the print of the Sovereign to fade. Ardent republicans can easily scratch the Queen's head off with their finger nails, leaving only the see-through plastic underneath.

John Haslop, technical manager at De La Rue, the security printers, said: "Plastic banknotes are really no different from a crisp bag."



The Queen: fading away

The Commission considered following the example of the Australian central bank, the first in the world to print all its notes on plastic.

In theory, plastic notes can remain in circulation significantly longer than paper notes because they do not rip. Central banks have to replace the plastic notes less frequently, thereby reducing their cost.

But according to a confidential De La Rue report, which has been sent to the Commission, paper notes are nevertheless preferable, not least because creasing does not wear out the ink. The Commission confirmed it has now opted for traditional paper notes.

Mr Haslop said there was a multitude of problems connected to plastic notes and the less sophisticated printing process involved. Ink can only be applied superficially to plastic, compared to paper notes, while security features such as water marks cannot be incorporated. This has increased the threat from counterfeiters.

Paper notes last around 18 months, according to De La Rue research, while plastic notes last an average of 32 months. But because plastic notes are twice as expensive to make, paper is still the more cost-effective form of legal tender.

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EU law on work hours to cover extra six million

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union's law on maximum working hours is to be extended to nearly six million more workers under proposals to be endorsed tomorrow by the Commission.

In a move to "correct" the anomaly of extensive exemptions, Padraig Flynn, the Social Affairs Commissioner, wants the "working time directive" to embrace all workers, including lorry drivers, fishermen and junior hospital doctors. However, the mandated maximum 48-hour working week will be applied only to "non-mobile" workers.

The original directive, which excludes mainly workers in the transport industry, took force late last year after the Conservative administration lost an attempt to block it in the European Court. The Labour Party supported the law, which the Conservatives and industry leaders predicted would cost Britain more than £2 billion a year and damage its competitiveness.

The new proposals will offer a test for the new Government when it enters the EU's law-making machine. Tony Blair has fulfilled Labour's promise to sign on to the social chapter, which is separate from the working time law, and support other efforts to improve employment conditions.

But he is also attempting to dampen the EU's ardour for further social law-making which, he says, could endanger the drive for a more flexible European labour market. French and other ministers are accusing Mr Blair of upholding British resistance to the "European social model".

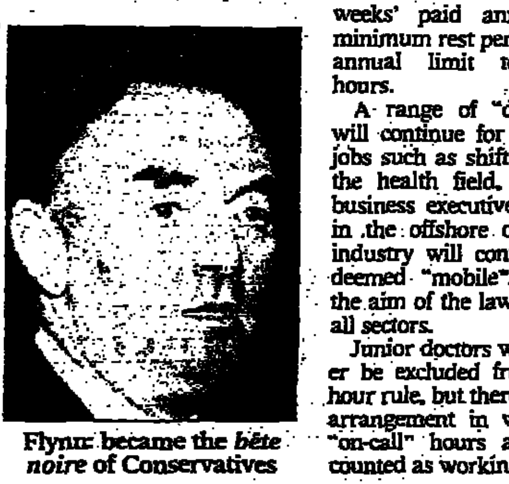
The Irish commissioner, who became the Conservatives' *bête noire* over the working directive, is depicting his new draft as a step forward for "social Europe".

The main effect of the proposed new directive will be the application of the 48-hour maximum week and other provisions to all non-mobile workers. This would, for example, affect thousands in airline work, where 80 per cent of staff remain on the ground, according to the Commission.

All workers will be covered by the other provisions, which include a minimum of four weeks' paid annual leave, minimum rest periods and an annual limit to working hours.

A range of "derogations" will continue for a range of jobs such as shift workers in the health field, police and business executives. Workers in the offshore oil and gas industry will continue to be deemed "mobile". However, the aim of the law is to cover all sectors.

Junior doctors will no longer be excluded from the 48-hour rule, but there will be an arrangement in which their "on-call" hours are not all counted as working time.


Flynn: became the *bête noire* of Conservatives

The American entertainer Liza Minelli singing at Roncalli Square near Cologne Cathedral at the weekend during an open-air concert attended by 6,000 fans

Bureau fears revenge attack

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

RELATIVES of Mir Aimal Kansi, the Pakistani captured to face allegations that he shot dead two CIA employees outside the agency's headquarters in 1993, are considering a retaliatory strike against American interests, *Newsweek* magazine reports today.

Mr Kansi, who was on the FBI's "ten most wanted" list, was captured last month in Dera Ghazi Khan, on Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, by a joint team of American and Pakistani troops. He is detained in Fairfax County, awaiting trial for murder on November 3.

According to *Newsweek*, American intelligence agencies have picked up "solid information" that members of Mr Kansi's family are planning to hit back at American diplomatic missions or other facilities in the region. The Kansi clan, a wealthy and influential group in the North-West Frontier, has apparently discussed the possibility of an attack on their home turf or in America.

An unnamed American official is quoted as saying: "This is an aggrieved family with a score to settle." The FBI is said to be "taking the tough talk seriously".

FBI finds most of Chinese funding 'was legal'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE FBI appeared yesterday to undermine hearings into irregular fundraising for President Clinton's re-election by finding that most of the $2 million (£1.2 million) which China employed to increase its influence was spent legally, according to investigators.

After months of allegations surrounding the Asian money trail leading to the White House, FBI agents said they had no evidence linking Beijing to illegal money that had been channeled into last year's elections in America. Most of the Chinese money had been spent on legal lobbying and invitations to Beijing for influential senators and others, according to *US News and World Report*.

An unidentified FBI official told the magazine that the Chinese added only $200,000 to their existing ventures in the US last year and that less than half that amount went towards campaign contributions. This appeared to contradict separate reports that Louis Freeh, the FBI director, members of the CIA and the National Security Agency, had cleared a statement last week by Fred Thompson, the Republican senator who is chairing a Senate inquiry into irregular fundraising.

Mr Thompson, in a charge immediately denied by Beijing, said he had seen FBI evidence of China's efforts to influence US political campaigns.

At issue in the Senate inquiry, which continues today, is whether Mr Clinton and aides at the Democratic National Committee last year actively solicited and accepted contributions from foreign individuals and businesses, an offence under federal law.

Mr Thompson said yesterday that his statement, in which the Chinese were alleged still to be targeting both federal and state elections, was based on highly classified communications intercepts and had been made available to both Republican and Democratic members of the Senate governmental affairs committee.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Gang wars bring troops to Naples

Naples: The first 300 Italian troops have arrived here in response to a government decision to send in the military to help to quell a wave of violence between criminal clans. The Government said last week that it would send 500 soldiers to take over guard duties around Naples, freeing police to focus on stopping the mob violence that has swept the city.

The decision to send in troops was taken after two suspected members of the Camorra, the Naples version of the Mafia, were shot in broad daylight and a number of bystanders, including an eight-year-old girl, were injured in gunfights. About 86 people have been killed and dozens have been injured in territorial Camorra clashes since the beginning of the year. *(Reuter)*

Demirel 'regrets' detentions

Ankara: President Demirel of Turkey expressed regret at the number of journalists imprisoned in the country at a meeting with a Western delegation of reporters seeking their release, the Anatolian news agency said.

"I am sorry that Turkey is the country with the highest number of journalists in prison," he said at a meeting with members of the Committee to Protect Journalists. The delegation was led by Terry Anderson, a former Associated Press reporter held hostage in Lebanon for seven years. At least 78 journalists are imprisoned in Turkey. *(Reuter)*

Volcanic gases kill rangers

Tokyo: Three members of Japan's Self-Defence Force died and 18 others were ill, apparently poisoned by gas from a volcanic hot spring during a training exercise, a military spokesman said. The 23-man ranger unit was in forests on Hakkoda mountain on the northern tip of the main island of Honshu, around 400 miles northeast of Tokyo. "When others went to rescue them, they fell unconscious or found it difficult to breathe. But some of the group managed to radio for help," a spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

Castro weeps for Che

Revolutionary hymns and military marches moved President Castro of Cuba to tears as the remains of the legendary Ernesto "Che" Guevara, right, were returned to Cuba yesterday (Gabriella Gamini writes). The remains, found recently in Bolivia by a scientific team, were flown to Santa Clara, where they will be laid to rest in a concrete mausoleum constructed in his honour after he was killed by Bolivian troops 30 years ago.

Sierra Leone clashes kill 70

Freetown: Weekend clashes between Nigerian peacekeeping troops and Sierra Leone forces of the new military junta have left about 70 dead, witnesses said. According to military sources the fighting broke out on Saturday and was continuing yesterday. It centred on four villages about 18 miles east of here. Ten Nigerian soldiers and at least 60 civilians were reportedly killed in the clashes. *(AFP)*

Aids victim eaten by dogs

New York: A man who died of Aids in his locked apartment in Manhattan was eaten by his own dogs, ravenous after several days without being fed (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Police broke in to find the body and the dogs, which are now likely to be put down.

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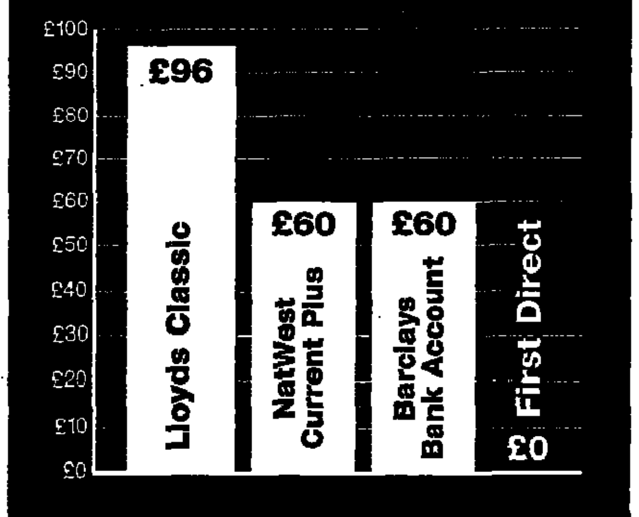

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£194m 'missing' as Arafat seeks aid from Britain

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN GAZA

NEARLY half the Palestinian budget this year — $326 million (£194 million) — has been lost to corruption or mismanagement, according to an internal Palestinian audit.

Details of the missing millions escaped the censorship imposed on the press and broadcasting outlets by Yassir Arafat as the Palestinian Authority's leader flew to meet Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, in London today to plead for more Western assistance. Britain is giving £25 million in aid this year.

The details followed reports of Mr Arafat's alleged personal slush fund in a Tel Aviv bank running to tens of millions of dollars. That was followed by an even more damning report by a watchdog group claiming that Palestinian officials have systematically abused their positions for personal financial gain.

Mr Arafat leaves behind a three-year-old self-rule authority riddled with corruption and brazen in its denial of democracy, having just indefinitely postponed the first local elections for two decades. Nowhere is the manipulation of funds more blatant than in the Rimal district of Gaza where many of the top 10,000 "Tunisians" [bureaucrats and guerrillas who returned with Mr Arafat from the diaspora] flaunt their glitzy lifestyle within smelling distance of the squalid Shati refugee camp.

Most resented by ordinary Gazans, whose per capita income has fallen nearly 40 per cent since the 1993 accord with Israel, is the grotesque new £2.5 million villa of Abu Mazen, Mr Arafat's No 2, chief negotiator of the Oslo deal.

With its profusion of balconies and balustrades, the gleaming residence has become the focus of resentment for the naked corruption of the new rulers. Graffiti declaring "this is your reward for selling Palestine" have been removed, but fear gripped my student guide when I tried to take a photograph. "Please, do not do that. We will both be shot," he said, accelerating his ramshackle car. Next door, still to be completed, is a similarly grandiose home being built for Umm Jihad, the most senior woman in the PLO, the widow of the former military chief, Abu Jihad, assassinated by the Israelis in Tunisia.

She had until recently been thought to be above the greed that has gripped most of Mr Arafat's cronies. But a would-be French biographer returned empty-handed after the Palestinian heroine demanded a huge cut of any royalties.

Not far from the tumbledown shacks of Shati, where the prevalent mood is one of despair mixed with seething resentment at the way in which the regime is prepared to display its unexplained wealth, is the new luxury seafront restaurant favoured by Suha Arafat and her British nanny on their trips back from shopping in Paris. It is aptly named Le Mirage.

Talk of graft, nepotism and the uncaring show of wealth by the powerful few — many patrons of the newly opened Zahra al-Madain (Flower of the Cities) beach resort and nightclub — dominates the street where the bulk of the million Gazans have become tired of waiting for the elusive "peace dividend".

Increasingly, people speaking in private predict a new uprising similar to the 1987-93 intifada against Israel which began in Gaza's Jebaliya refugee camp. This time, so the whispers have it, the target could be the Palestinian Authority.

☐ **Hebron clash:** Israeli troops wounded 16 Arabs, including five journalists, during clashes in Hebron yesterday (Our Foreign Staff writes). It was announced last night that Noam Friedman, the Israeli soldier who went on a random shooting spree on New Year's Day in Hebron, has been discharged from the army and will not face trial because he was mentally ill.

Arafat: reported to have amassed slush fund

Pressure on Blair to take over peace role from America

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN will today plunge into a fresh round of Middle East peace initiatives, when Tony Blair sees Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President, and Ehud Barak, the Israeli Opposition leader, separately at Downing Street.

The two men will urge the Government to give fresh impetus to the stalled peace process as Britain prepares to take over the presidency of the European Union. Officials said that the timing of the meetings was coincidental.

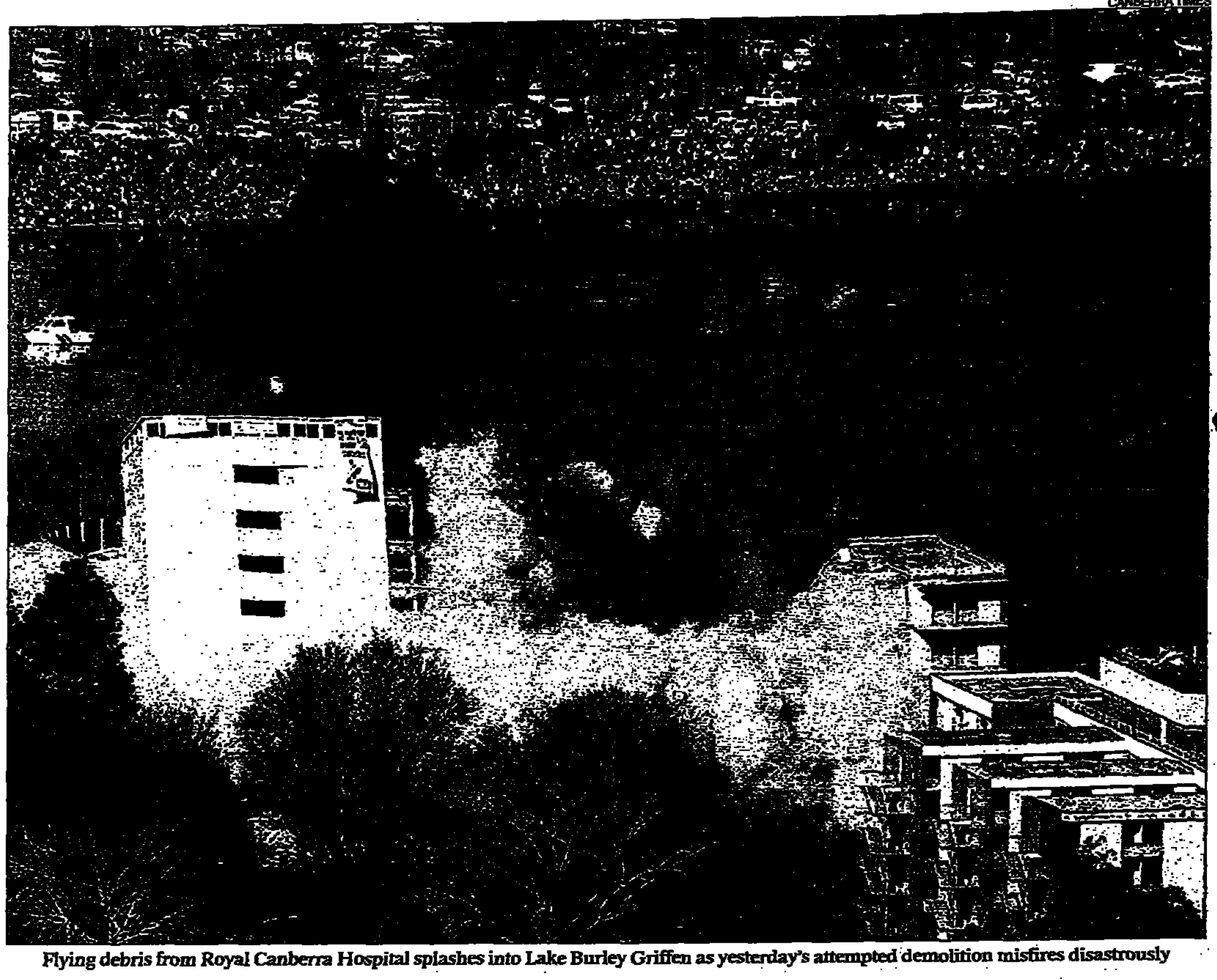
British officials expressed caution at the weekend over calls by Yossi Beilin, the Israeli opposition foreign affairs spokesman, for London to take over the role of intermediary from Washington. They said that only the United States had the necessary leverage to make its influence felt on both sides, and that Britain did not want to undercut the American role in persuading Mr Arafat and the Netanyahu Government to resume talks.

Mr Blair will urge continued restraint on Mr Arafat, regarded as the only man able to contain Palestinian frustration and anger at the impasse in the peace negotiations.

Mr Arafat will tomorrow ask Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, to increase the £25 million annual British aid to the Palestinians, one of the biggest sums from overseas donors. But she will warn him that he must do more to account for the money given for Palestinian training and development.

Officials expressed concern at the weekend that large sums were being misappropriated and over Mr Arafat's handling of the Palestinian Authority's budget. There is worry about the lack of transparency, as well as suggestions that money may have been used to persuade Palestinian extremists not to unleash violence in the occupied territories.

Mr Arafat will hold talks with Derek Fatchett, the junior Foreign Office Minister responsible for the Middle East, who last week criticised Israel's new settlement at Har Homa in east Jerusalem.



CANBERRA TIMES

Flying debris from Royal Canberra Hospital splashes into Lake Burley Griffen as yesterday's attempted demolition misfires disastrously

Girl dies in botched Canberra demolition

FROM ROGER MAYNARD
IN SYDNEY

A GIRL was killed and several people were injured when thousands of spectators were showered by flying debris during a hospital demolition that went horribly wrong in Canberra.

More than 10,000 spectators had gathered to see the Royal Canberra Hospital flattened by a controlled implosion yesterday. But seconds after the blast bricks and metal flew about 500 yards across Lake Burley Griffin and into parkland where a crowd was watching. At least seven people were hurt and scores of car windows smashed. The 12-year-old girl hit by shrapnel died in hospital. A man of 19 and another of 29 were seriously hurt.

The first sign of a problem came during an earlier blast which failed to demolish the building. Members of the demolition team went inside to investigate and another explosion followed, ripping out the supports of the hospital's main tower block but sending rubble flying into the lake.

Fifteen seconds later another blast sent debris flying across the water with even greater force. Justin Hanrahan, a television cameraman, said: "I just turned round and this girl was lying on the floor — it was just outrageous it could have been allowed to happen."

Another witness said: "It was just like it was raining rubble." Mounds of earth that had earlier been piled round the demolition site were supposed to contain the force of the blast.

A police spokesman said: "What should have been a controlled implosion turned into a violent explosion." Last night police indicated they could not rule out a criminal charge being laid against the demolition company. Kate Carnell, Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory, which governs Canberra, said a 200-yard exclusion zone had been defined around the building.

None of the debris was expected to fly further than 50 yards, she said. "There was no indication whatever that this was even a possibility," she added after inspecting the area.

The hospital, which is not far from Parliament House, was being demolished to make way for a new national museum.

Exiled Mobutu generals plot secessionist war in Katanga

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

FOUR generals loyal to Sese Seko Mobutu, the former Zaire leader, are planning to launch a rebel movement from South Africa, it was reported here yesterday.

The generals, who fled before Kinshasa fell to rebels in May, want to fight for the secession of the mineral-rich southern provinces.

General Baramoto, former head of the presidential guard, General Nzimbi, General Vumbo and Admiral Mavwa have begun plotting their campaign against the new Government in the renamed Democratic Republic of the Congo from their new homes in Johannesburg.

Johannesburg's *Sunday Independent* reported that the men are funding their attempt to seize Katanga and Kasai provinces, partly from the sale of 32 million rands (£4 million) of cobalt illegally shipped out before they fled.

The generals apparently met the prospective leaders of the proposed National Front for the Liberation of Katanga in Johannesburg on Friday.

Mobutu: loyalists plan new war in the south

Moi is denounced at cathedral 'cleansing'

FROM REUTER IN NAIROBI

PRESIDENT Moi of Kenya was attacked by Anglican Archbishop David Gitari yesterday from the pulpit at Nairobi's All Saints Cathedral at a ceremonial "cleansing" and rededication after last week's riots. The archbishop told a packed congregation that Mr Moi had "been weighed in the balance and found wanting".

Riot police threw teargas into the cathedral and beat worshippers with batons when people fleeing a confrontation between demonstrators and police sought refuge there last Monday. Senior police officials later publicly apologised for the invasion.

Holding aloft one of the teargas canisters hurled then, the archbishop said that rulers must be obeyed only as long as they did not infringe the rights of their people. "Blood cannot be shed in a holy place in vain. The Government must now put into motion constitutional reforms," he said.

Before the service, he led priests sprinkling holy water at bloodstained spots in the cathedral, including one where a person died.

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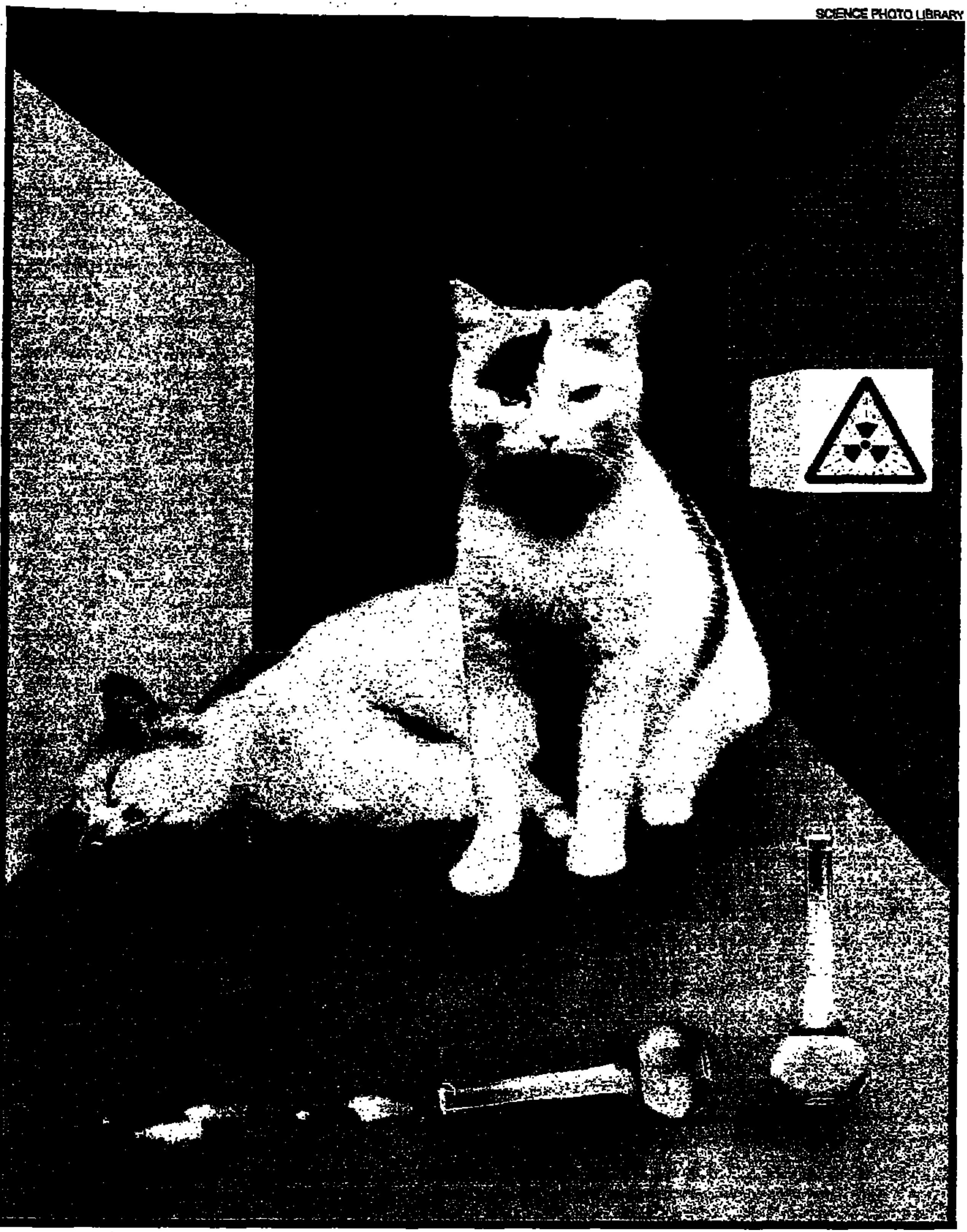
Pattern in the chaos

A new theory shows close links between the regular and the random. **Marcus du Sautoy** reports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Fatal move: Schrödinger's cat theory illustrates the probable state of particles, altered when they are observed

Scientists will gather in Cambridge next week to contemplate what must be one of the weirdest connections found so far in science. They have unearthed patterns which promise to link three of the great themes in physics and mathematics: quantum mechanics (the physics of the small-scale universe), chaos (the mathematics of unpredictability) and prime numbers (numbers that are divisible only by one and themselves).

The scientists will be converging on the Newton Institute in Cambridge to try to crack this riddle — appropriate, since Newton's laws of motion give us both chaos and quantum physics.

Newton believed his laws would leave no surprises for history, as long as the initial state of each atom was known. But he could not predict everything. The first shock came in the early Twenties. Scientists found Newton's laws were very successful at describing the motion of large objects such as planets, but not small objects such as electrons. Physicists realised the laws were only an approximation to the real physics: quantum mechanics. This physics of the very small, says that instead of treating the electron as a small billiard ball, we should think of it as a wave. In quantum physics we are not meant to be sure quite where the electron is: a wave gives us only a *probability* that the electron is in one place or another. The only way to turn the probability into a certainty is to look for the electron. Once we make the observation, the die is cast.

Perhaps the most bizarre manifestation of quantum mechanics is Schrödinger's cat, a thought experiment. Imagine a cat being placed in a box. Inside the box there is a radioactive source with a 50:50 chance of decaying. If it does decay, poison gas is released and the cat dies. However, not until someone looks, quantum physicists say, does the radioactive source have to "decide" whether it has decayed or not. So the act of looking seals the cat's fate.

However, our world is dictated by large-scale laws and the unpredictability of the very small gets smoothed out. But even at this scale, there are some surprises. Laws such as Newton's may be simple, but they can still produce results that look chaotic.

The classic example is the Mandelbrot set, the Paisley design adopted by Eighties' rave culture. The fantastically complicated image is actually generated by a very simple formula. Another example is the motion of billiard balls, which sometimes map out a regular path — though, as players know, the path of a billiard ball seems chaotic.

The connection between prime numbers, chaos and quantum mechanics emerged from trying to discover what happens when two of these worlds — chaos and quantum mechanics — collide. The borderland between them is the realm of quantum chaos — still an enigma.

Quantum chaos affects things such as electrons, which are large enough to participate in the large-scale Newtonian universe but small enough to gatecrash the small-scale quantum universe, too. So, an electron can behave either as one of Newton's billiard balls — following a regular or chaotic path — or a quantum wave.

The central question is, does this quantum wave change depending on whether the electron's billiard ball path is regular or chaotic? The answer is yes, but it runs counter to intuition.

If the billiard ball follows a regular path, then the quantum wave looks like the curve you would get by plotting the heights of a random group of people. There are no disallowed heights. Yet, if the path is chaotic, this randomness disappears. In the curve of people's heights, big gaps appear. It is as if people have been chosen because their heights are widely spaced.

In terms of the small-scale universe, contrary to expectation, a pattern suddenly appears when the electron is behaving chaotically. Explaining this phenomenon will be one of the key tasks for the scientists arriving next week.

But there is an extra twist to the story. Joining the Cambridge effort are mathematicians who have been chasing patterns in the prime numbers. These indivisible numbers are the atoms of arithmetic and the building blocks of all numbers. Mathematicians love to look for patterns and the primes probably offer the ultimate challenge. When you read a list of prime numbers they look a mess, with no rhythm to the way they are distributed.

> 'Newton believed his laws would leave no surprises'

The involvement of these mathematicians began with a chance meeting in the common room at Princeton University between Professor Freeman Dyson, a quantum physicist, and Professor Hugh Montgomery, a mathematician. Professor Montgomery showed Professor Dyson some of the patterns he had observed among the prime numbers. Professor Dyson had observed identical patterns in the physics of quantum chaos — in the curve of people's heights, with those inexplicable gaps.

Further research by Dr Andrew Odlyzko at AT&T Laboratories, overwhelmingly supports the similarity between these patterns. Such connections drive scientists crazy with excitement, especially when there is no reason to suspect a connection. Speculation is snowballing that there may be some quantum chaotic phenomenon that somehow holds the key to the pattern, or music, of the primes.

Sir Michael Berry, from Bristol University, has recorded the music, or rhythm, of the first 40,000 prime numbers. He says: "If these patterns are confirmed we can say about it what George Bernard Shaw said about Wagner: 'This music is better than it sounds'."

The connections, though observed, have yet to be proved definitively. But they have been a powerful tool. Mathematicians and physicists have been pooling their knowledge to uncover more information about both primes and quantum chaos. It would be a very strange thing indeed if prime numbers eventually resulted from crossing Mandelbrot and Schrödinger.

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Stolen gold leaves its fingerprints

SCIENCE BRIEFING

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Nigel Hawkes

An analytical technique designed to identify stolen gold has finally destroyed the anonymity of man's favourite precious metal. Now any piece of gold, however small, can be traced back to the mine from which it came.

The method has the potential to trace the history of ancient gold artefacts, and identify the trading routes by which the gold reached its destination.

The inspiration for developing this technique was theft. Every year, South African goldmines lose an unknown amount of gold, spirited out in tiny quantities by the thousands of men who work down the mines. The police recover about a ton a year — but this is probably only a small fraction of what goes missing. Even so, the mining companies found it frustrating that they could not authenticate the ownership of even the small amounts of gold that were recovered, which then became state property.

The research laboratories of Anglo-American (AARL), whose mines produce 40 per cent of South African gold, set out to produce a method of "fingerprinting" gold, using mass spectroscopy.

"We knew our mines were losing gold, but we couldn't prove it," says Jim Timulty, managing director of the laboratories. "The high sensitivity of mass spectroscopy was the answer."

A laser vaporises a tiny speck of gold, too small to be detected by the naked eye. It is carried by a stream of argon gas into the mass spectrometer, which separates the sample into a mixture of atoms of the different elements present.

The bulk, clearly, is gold: but traces of 131 different isotopes of 58 elements can also be detected and displayed as a spectrum. The AARL team found that these spectra could be matched exactly to the mine from which the gold came, and even to the individual shaft within that mine.

The method has many potential applications. Mr Tumilty explains. "If you find grains of alluvial gold in a stream, the assumption is that they all come from the same source. Then, if you find that source and it isn't worth exploiting, you give up. But our method might show that there was more than one source, so that it would be worthwhile to look harder."

The archaeological implications go even wider. Already work has begun in South Africa on gold artefacts from sites dated to the period AD 1000-1300, and the next project will be to examine gold in the National Museum in Cape Town that came from Cecil Rhodes's collection. Some of these fragments originated at Great Zimbabwe, the pre-colonial city that gave its name to the country once named after Rhodes. The results are likely to show that there were complex patterns of trading in Africa long before the white man arrived.

Some early African gold may have found its way to Europe. Once the characteristic signatures of old gold sources have been identified, it should be possible to trace the origins of, say, Edward IV gold coins, the mask of Tutankhamun, or "King Priam's gold", discovered by Heinrich Schliemann in his search for Troy.

It seems possible that the method may yet reveal that some of the priceless objects on display in the world's top museums are, in fact, fakes.

Why children make the best linguists

BRAIN scans may have revealed why it is harder for an adult to learn a second language than it is for a child.

Researchers in New York have shown that if the second language is learnt at the same time as the first one, it is stored in the same region of the brain, in the part of the frontal lobe known as Broca's area.

If the second language is learnt later, it is still stored in Broca's area, but separated slightly from the first language. It is as if learning the first language has set the circuits in Broca's area, and so the second language must be accommodated elsewhere.

The research, carried out by a team led by Dr Joy Hirsch of Cornell University and published in *Nature*, used magnetic resonance imaging to establish the precise regions of the brain used by bilingual people. In those who learnt both languages as children, the two appear to lie almost on top of one another in the brain, while those who learnt the second as adults have the two languages lying alongside each other.

The findings suggest, the authors say, that the age of language acquisition may be a significant factor in determining how this part of the brain is organised. Infants start by being equally able to recognise all relevant sounds, but as they learn their native tongue the way it is represented in Broca's area becomes fixed.

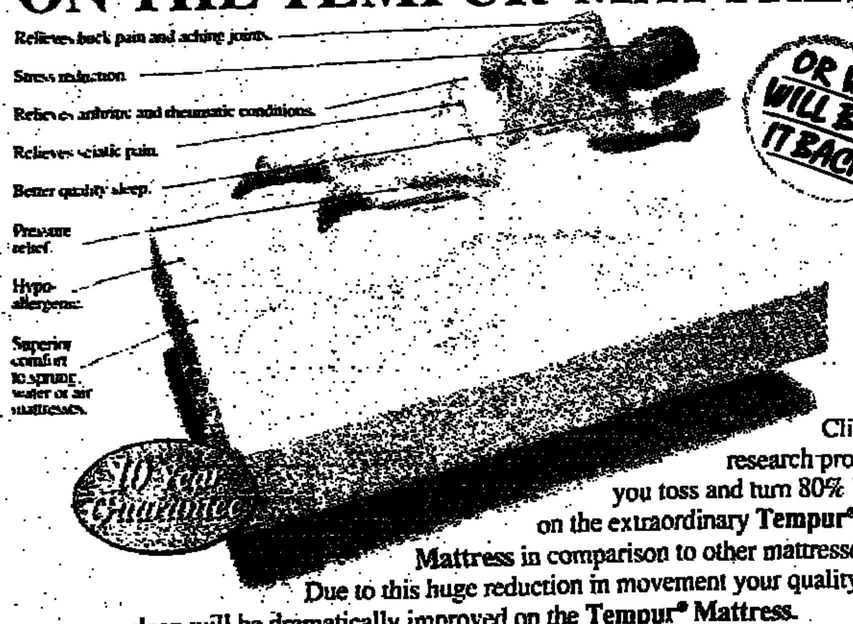
Flashing lights that say don't eat me

ADULT fireflies glow to attract mates. But why do sexually immature firefly larvae do it? On the face of it, the activity seems to have little point, and runs the risk of advertising the presence of a tasty meal to any passing predator.

Now a team led by the entomologist Dr Douglas Tallamy, of the University of Delaware, has found that the flashing light is probably a warning signal. The message it sends is designed to discourage predators by reminding them that the last time they tasted a firefly larva it tasted awful.

Dr Tallamy and his colleagues tried to encourage mice to eat firefly larvae. They wouldn't, probably because the larvae contain bitter compounds. So he set up an experiment, reported in the *Journal of Insect Behaviour*, in which mice were tempted to eat pieces of cereal placed at either end of a maze. One piece was made bitter with quinine sulphate and mustard powder, and brightly illuminated. The other was much pleasanter to eat, but was in the dark.

At first the mice went for the brightly lit food, but soon learnt. This suggests that the larvae's glow would be enough to alert a predator and warn it off. "A flashing neon sign may lure hungry humans to an all-night diner," he says. "But the bioluminescence of firefly larvae sends a very different message to would-be predators."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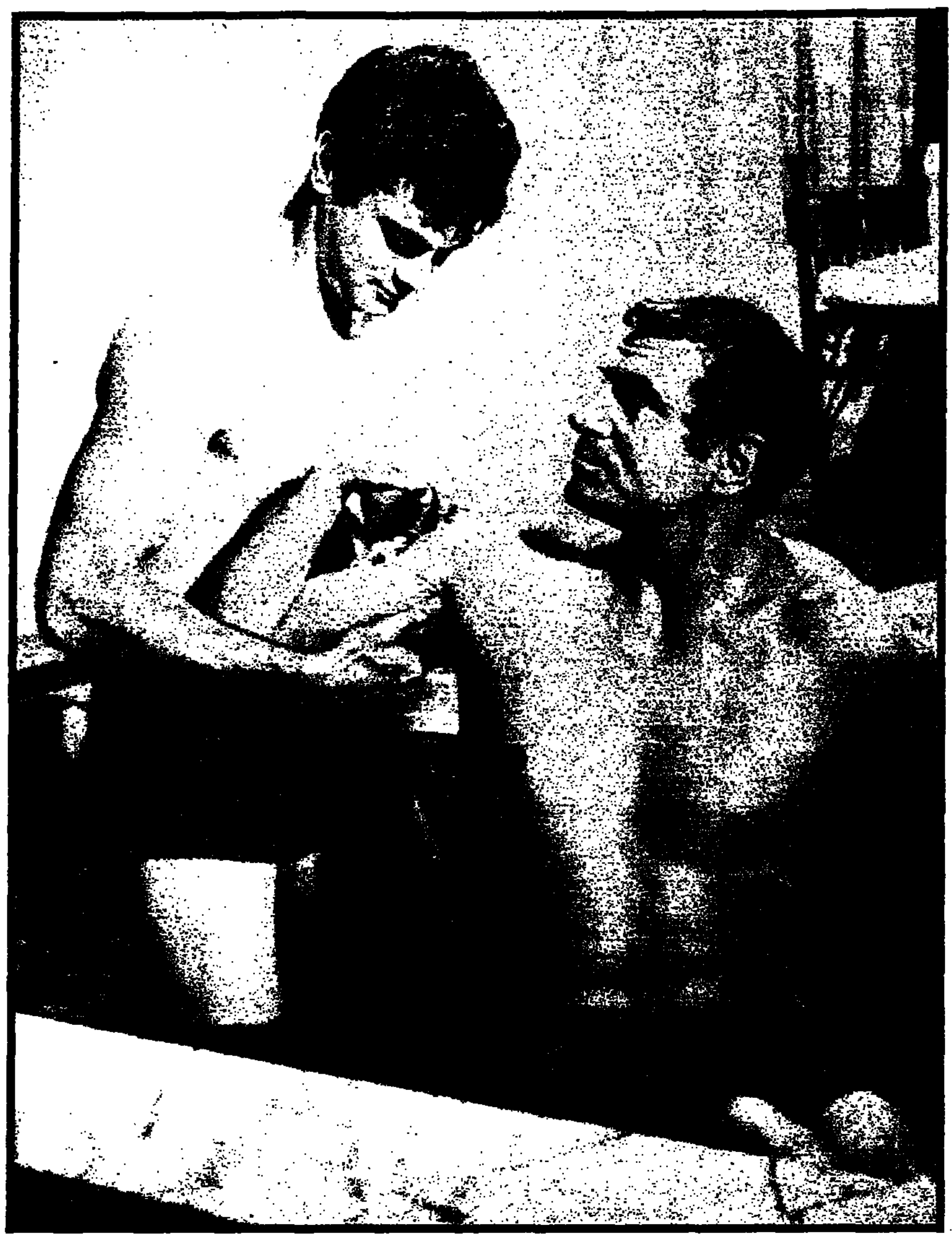
Beer, bourbon, bonding: how to be a real man

Males are fighting back with a new bestseller, says **Giles Whittell**



Tony Curtis and Laurence Olivier in the Hollywood epic *Spartacus*, "the manliest film of all time"

Todd von Hoffman is six foot three and enjoys ripping plaster off old tenement buildings in downtown LA. It's brutal, manly work. It tones his pecs and earns wolf whistles. but for a big man with a young family it doesn't always pay the bills.

Last year. therefore, he wrote a proposal for a book *about manliness and sent it in* a cigar box. with a bottle of tequila. to a publisher he knew. The publisher called back the same day to make a deal. Earlier this year the *Big Damn Book of Sheer Manliness* hit bookstores across America and within two weeks its initial print run of 50,000 heavy hardback copies had practically sold out.

The book has lots of useful advice on tying "woolly bugger" fishing flies, cooking vats of "colon-cleaner chilli" and finding your way from Las Vegas to the nearest legal brothel. The von Hoffmans' idea of a real man (Todd and his brother Brant ended up as co-authors) loves golf, plays cards and talks long into the night about epic action movies. He is also much more likely to be a doting father than a faithful husband. He is, in short, not unlike Bill Clinton.

Can this be so? The draft-dodging President with the allegedly roving eye as an incarnation of manliness? Yet when the Supreme Court ruled that Paula Jones could sue him for allegedly exposing himself to her in a hotel room six years ago, a CNN poll *showed his job approval rating rise*. Another poll on the eve of Father's Day showed that 81 per cent of Americans applaud him as a father.

Real men, it seems, can get away with fooling around as long as they're good dads. The von Hoffmans are adamant about this. Irresponsible parents "are beneath contempt and invite the revocation of their procreative parts", they write.

Like much American talk radio, the *Big Damn Book of Sheer Manliness* is riding a backlash against the bend-over-backwards language of political correctness that calls a manhole a personhole and seems to blame society for every individual's faults. The book also taps into the last great American neurosis — that of the bewildered redneck, a creature left feeling rudderless and underappreciated by the din of women's rights and ethnic empowerment.

The fightback began a while ago. Ever since Bruce Fierstein's huge success with *Real Men Don't Eat Quiche* in 1982, American males have hungered for advice on how to *act their gender. In the Nineties* that hunger has been acute. *Iron John*. Robert Bly's paean to man-to-man huggery, was seen as an emergency rescue manual for fully half the nation. Then the militant Muslim Louis Farrakhan persuaded enough black men to fill the Washington Mall that by celebrating their maleness as well as their colour they would become better people. A *Christian group called* the Promise Keepers has meanwhile been filling stadiums with the only family leaders they claim can heal the country's social ills — men.

Finally, on sale alongside the von Hoffmans' book, there is *To Be A Man*, by Charlton Heston. This mini-memoir is interspersed with the great actor's grumblings on the present state of *things. His chief* gripe is that minorities of all stripes have created "far too many groups in America, each shouldering the others aside, screaming for spe*cial attention, sepa*rate identity, to have their disparate diseases moved up in the chain for special funding". Mr Heston may be right. The irony is that his book goes one more step *towards defining men* as yet another flailing social group in need of help — which is where the von Hoffman brothers come in. Unlike other self-appointed masculinity gurus, their thrust is practical. Their concern is for the outer, not the inner man. Maleness is *more fun than ever*, their dust jacket proclaims.

The result is a book that makes being a man sound very like being an obnoxious *kid. It's all about jack knives*, spud guns, salt steak, sour mash bourbon and the fine art of yanking down other people's trousers. It's about trailing a chest of cool Bud as you float down the upper Missouri in an inner tube, knocking back bullshots made with bouillon cubes and vodka.

Real men should know what Humphrey Bogart called his yawl — *Santana*. They should be aware of at least 126 *synonyms* for breasts, and twice as many for their own most vital organ.

And so to sex, which men *must have* — one way or another. Interestingly, homophobia is banned from the *Big Damn Book's* gleeful celebration of arrested development. In one passage, its authors tackle a famous homoerotic seduction scene that appeared only in the director's cut of *Spartacus*, "the manliest film of all time". For Tony Curtis and Laurence Olivier to agree to film it "took incredible brass *back in 1960", they write.*

But is real homosexuality manly? Todd von Hoffman dodges the question by paraphrasing John Wayne, who apparently felt that "you and I and the government should stay the hell out of people's pants unless we're invited".

Women hardly feature in this vision of manliness, except as the respected bearers of children: "As far as the [baby] manufacturing process goes," the von Hoffmans write, "while we are in awe of women for possessing this greatest of gifts, we're also *happy as hell with our end of* it." The chief duty of a wife is not to object when her husband goes on fishing trips.

Brother Todd admits — sheepishly — to being married and monogamous. He even owns up to an unmanly past career as a talent agent, but then returns gruffly to the more virile subject *of coitus*. Real men should feel free to use prostitutes, he insists. The book recommends the legal ones at the Chicken Ranch, 60 miles west of Las Vegas, where *monthly blood* tests are mandatory.

Wistfully, the *Big Damn Book* recalls the era of the actress Vera Miles, when, as she put it, "men were men and women were grateful". Those were *the days when a politician's* dalliances could be kept discreetly from the public eye, but they are gone. Clinton may not know it, but the von Hoffmans do. When they turned a recent book-signing into a "guyathlon" complete with a bra-unclipping contest, they used mannequins.

> Women hardly feature except as the bearers of children

'Don't get even – get everything'

Brian Vine reports on the divorce suit that tops them all

"I DON'T have $100 million (£60 million), not even half that," says Gary Wendt, the much vilified titan of American finance who is the target of *his* scorned *wife of 31* years, Lorna, in a landmark divorce trial.

"She couldn't stand me replacing her with a woman ten years her senior," he adds, only partly joking.

Certainly, Lorna Wendt appears to have adopted as her personal motto the advice of the abandoned spouses in the hit movie *The First Wives' Club*: "Don't get even, get everything."

A *notoriously tough* breed, even the ladies who lunch blanched when they heard Lorna had turned down her husband's final divorce settlement offer of £8.5 million ($14 million). Lorna wanted to make history, and repair *her dignity* and self-esteem, with a deal that no divorce lawyer in the US or Europe has contemplated.

She wants a judge to award her not only the millions Gary had offered, but also her lawyer's estimate of 50 per cent *of his* future riches. Her goal is a total of £30 million.

Gary, 54, sighs deeply. Normally an ebullient, decisive workaholic, he admits to feeling confused, frustrated and astonished by her "into the future" claim.

As chief executive of G E Capital, the financial services arm of the aero-engines-to-toasters giant General Electric, he is used to getting his own way.

So he is obviously not a man from whom you expect to hear loose talk. But, he explains, "my shrewd and clever wife" has prompted him to break cover and speak candidly for the first time.

What he has to say is quite a mouthful in countering her campaign to paint herself as the perfect "corporate wife" and partner in his success.

Fashions in matrimonial law such as palimony, which began in the US, *often make their* way *across* the Atlantic. Wendt is conscious that if, next month, his wife is handed half his future earnings by the divorce judge in the State Superior Court at Stamford, Connecticut, the "unseemly circus" that the case has *made of their conservative*, grey-flannel-suited lives might spread to disenchanted British wives.

Muzzled in court by a mutual legal agreement, now expired, that neither spouse should apportion blame for the breakdown of the marriage after three decades and two daughters, Gary now tells of his "dreadful unhappiness" at home.

To the judge and the fascinated American public Mrs Wendt was portrayed as the devoted corporate wife and hostess, a counterpoint to his social ineptness; a partner who soothed, nurtured and kept him in a mental condition to handle his rocketing career.

In a voice temporarily bereft of anger, Gary Wendt remembers things differently. "The whole thing's a *fabrication*," *he contends*. "If anything, she was a reluctant corporate wife, refused to have parties at home, except the Christmas party which was organised by the company. She actively tried to get me to spend less time at work. The only events she was interested in were the fancy trips, glamorous par*ties or glitzy res*taurants. As for soothing and nurturing me, she and I had to go to marriage counsellors three times in the past ten years. None *of them could* do anything to repair things between us. The last psychologist I consulted told me that my unhappy state was directly caused by my home life.

"When I made my final, $14 million settlement offer, I discovered that my deposition, which I believed was confidential, had been sent to a national newspaper. As a result, I withdrew my enhanced offer.

"THE IRONY is that I allowed her free access to all my bank accounts and credit cards until after the trial and from bank statements I can see I have paid 500,000 dollars (£300,000) for her divorce lawyers."

Sombrely, he expresses his belief that "her divorce is not about a legal principle, it's about revenge". Gary's svelte companion, Rosemarie Adams, is a divorced grandmother of 64 who looks 20 years younger. "I *have found true happiness* with Rosemarie, but I think being left for an older woman was too much for my wife to take."

Lorna has now become a new heroine to feminists for her determination to stand up to an alleged chauvinist. *But her husband remains* doubtful of her new status. "This isn't an unfair divorce. She gave the impression in court that she was after the rights of women everywhere. Perhaps, she does now have a career — women's rights."

> 'I think being left for an older woman was too much for my wife'

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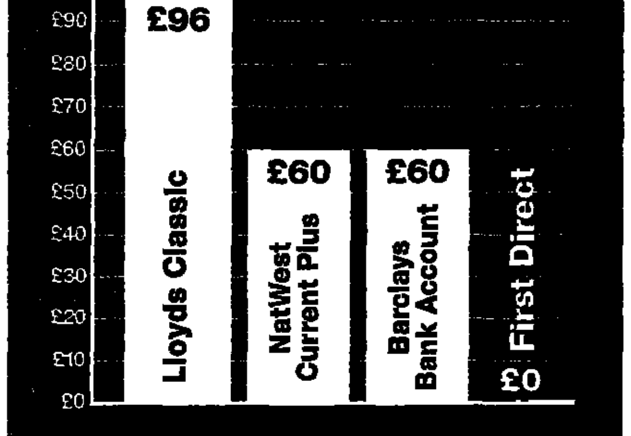

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Pictures, parties and the 'it' people

These days, art galleries are the only places to be seen for the in-crowd, says **Grace Bradberry**

A few months ago *Vanity Fair* compiled a Swinging London edition, featuring a rogue's gallery of "it" people — Iris Palmer, Damien Hirst, Jarvis Cocker, Patsy and Liam, and the outsize model Sophie Dahl, surrounded by the lads from *Loaded*. One imagines these "it" people crashing round London from one champagne-fuelled soirée to another. What a sad disappointment, then, is what passes for mainstream café society. *Le tout monde* may turn up for restaurant openings, first nights and fashion parties, but sometimes one cannot stifle the suspicion that *le monde that matters* is elsewhere. But doing what and where?

Buying a painting, apparently. Or if not actually parting with the cash, pretending they might, while getting to know the artist and securing invites to the next bash. The buzz word for such events is "multimedia". When most of us hear this phrase we imagine an ordeal by CD-Rom, but for people in fashion, multimedia means *a really great guest list*, an opportunity to schmooze not only with fashion folk, but with artists, pop stars and the like.

Kestrel with his work, *Green Man*

The seal of approval for any truly great multimedia bash is the arrival of Damien Hirst. Not since Francis Bacon hung out in the Colony Rooms has an artist exerted such a strong influence over the social aspirations of the metropolitan "in crowd". Together with Marco Pierre White he established Quo Vadis, the Soho bar that features his art, and he has made snooker fashionable, taking over the table at the Groucho Club for games with Alex James, bassist of Blur, and the actor Keith Allen. The activities of his circle have resulted in a down-glamming of the party circuit — bottles of beer are in, fluted glasses out, jeans and trainers are the dress code for men, *haute* bag-lady the look for women.

There has been no better recent example of this fringe scene than a party held in not-quite-fashionable NW5. A new restaurant called The Vine, all floorboards and sagging sofas, was the venue for an exhibition featuring art donated by models, with proceeds going to the Iris Foundation, a charity that carries out research into childhood blindness.

Helena Christensen was in the garden; Sophie Dahl was seated on one of those trestle tables with benches usually found outside pubs; Damien Hirst, Jay from Jamiroquai and the male model known as Kestrel mingled, while Jade Jagger, full-time artist and Pretty Polly model, led a gypsy caravan comprised of her bohemian-looking nanny and children. Patsy and Liam had sent their regards.

Much air-kissing and mutual admiration took place, and Iris Palmer, the model daughter of Sir Mark Palmer, was given a stream of reassurances that her nudes were fabulous, and Frank Whitford — the uncharitable critic of *The Sunday Times* who had previewed them a couple of days before — an ass. Helena Christensen dispensed the most effective reassurances of all, buying the very picture that had been criticised. "It just goes to show that Helena has got far better taste than Frank Whitford," quipped Iris, though she was careful not to be photographed beneath the offending picture.

Sophie Dahl, resplendent in a sort of blue nightie from Steinberg and Tolkein, was similarly apologetic about her poem, a piece of charming juvenilia written a few years previously. "They asked me for my favourite," she said.

More confident was Gordon, a male model known as the face of Katharine Hamnett, who has been involved in modern art for a while now. He had donated a piece called *The Formaldehyde Connection*, priced at £5,000, and consisting of a silk-screened portrait of his friend Damien Hirst, set in a glass-covered box that hung from the ceiling at waist level. Inside the box were two glass eyes, and by tilting the piece you could manoeuvre the eyes into the sockets.

The evening was largely the product of the address books of Kelly Luchford — PR, sister of the fashion photographer Glen Luchford, and friend of Damien Hirst — her assistant, Milly Sanders, and Ramona Rainey, niece of Lady Amanda Harlech, and a researcher for Chanel. Ramona says: "I invited artists, and then music people like Jamiroquai — *they're artists in a sense, aren't they?* Artists and musicians tend to hang out together and they feel much more comfortable when they do."

The "scene" echoes that of her parents' generation in the 1960s. "Iris Palmer's father is a great friend of my mother's. They all hung out at parties together. I don't think Iris really sees herself as a model."

Not all the traffic is one-way. Hirst is said to have attended a recent Gucci party and when Kelly Luchford wanted to contact him a few months ago, she found herself calling Milan. "He was over there at a Prada fashion show — he'd designed a handbag for them — and with him was Jarvis Cocker." Last month Miuccia Prada — a great friend of Hirst's — boosted his market rating by purchasing a blob of yellow household gloss paint on canvas for £6,000.

Who you know has always been important in the art world, but rarely has socialising for socialising's sake been so prevalent. Pat O'Connor, a 26-year-old artist whose paintings, based on fashion and paparazzi photographs, are currently on show at the Paton Gallery in Hackney, moves on the fringes of London's bohemian arts world: "There's a whole Friday-night Soho drinking scene, and then there are openings at places such as the Saatchi Gallery that you really *have* to go to. But the scene goes wider than that. The other week a studio in Peckham had a party and Jarvis Cocker turned up, then lots of fashion people with nothing else to do."

Is there any point to it all? "There's no buying involved, but this kind of thing tags a useful label onto the work, which can bring it up a bit."

That is a view echoed by others in the art world, where Hirst's sociability is seen as having more influence on the cocktail circuit than the market. One of the hottest tickets in London is an invitation to an opening at White Cube, the gallery run by Jay Jopling, Hirst's agent. The co-director, Julia Royce, acknowledges that "we've created a high profile which crosses over into the worlds of fashion and music — but that has no bearing on the market. Stella Tennant has dropped in, but that's because she was at college with Darren Almond."

Though the majority of these events are strictly by invitation, signs of the modishness of art can be seen elsewhere. The window of the Hugo Boss store in Regent Street recently featured an installation by the singer-turned-artist Laurie Anderson, best known for her 1980s chart hit *O Superman*, and for her relationship with Lou Reed. *Zero the Counter* featured male mannequins reading German and Japanese newspapers. Other stores featuring art include Egg in Knightsbridge, Browns Focus, Squire and Jigsaw. There are even hairdressing salons that double as galleries, notably Parsons Skott in Notting Hill, which used to show work by Jade Jagger, and which is currently hung with the paintings of Jenny Canaga, partner of the comedian Greg Proops. The last exhibition featured abstract work by Kiminori Mizobe, a former Japanese fighter pilot.

The prototype for all this activity is surely Patisserie Valerie on Brompton Road, established as an arts café back in 1992. The current exhibition features work by Sandra Blow, a Royal Academician, and prices go up to £19,000. Noël Oddy is exhibitions curator for the Patisserie Valerie group and the owner of Highgate Fine Art. He is rather dismissive of the current vogue for hanging art in every possible venue: "Lots of people who have retail premises think it's a piece of cake to hang pictures on your wall. It's not."

ALAN WELLER

Helena Christensen, left, in front of some of her own work, offered the most effective reassurance to the critic-savaged Iris Palmer, right, by buying one of her paintings

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Must we learn to hate Norman Mailer?

Where do I stand with Norman Mailer after the damaging and lurid confessions of his wife? Do I still rate him or must I learn to hate him? I have been a devoted reader — by no means always praising, but always on his side, defensive when I thought him poor or wrong and not only delighted but somehow vindicated when I thought him to be good and right. Many great writers produce bad books but only their good books count, and like one of his early heroes, D.H. Lawrence, Mailer has written good books.

But these confessions do raise a question. It is complicated a little by the fact that I have an acquaintanceship with Mailer and know him to be courteous, generous and one of the greatest talkers. He has also been appreciative of my work; all students of human nature know that that softens any reaction.

But the confessions of his second wife were a jolt. Let us for this piece allow that they were largely true by her lights. Mailer, doubtless, has his counter-argument and the safest bet in any bust-up is evens — 50-50. *I had read that he* had stabbed an earlier wife with a penknife but somehow it seemed trivial. But this description of the goring, the haemorrhaging, the near death, the 15 years merited in the slammer was of an entirely different order. And did he kick her when she was wounded and down and punch her in the pregnant stomach?

There are several points here, each one of which could be a book. One is: what do you expect of men who write books some of which wildly and violently seem to seek the nerve and tension of the times? And should an artist's work not always be judged apart from the life? Thirdly, what is the responsibility of each in that intense private relationship between reader and writer?

Mailer has the highest ambitions as a writer and also as a *thinker. He wants to change the* consciousness of his times. To do this he decided to live out the extremes of the times in which he found himself and even if possible go beyond the extremes and dive into what it seemed could not be known. In his book *The Executioner's Song*, for instance, he works, as in other books, on his belief in reincarnation. In his many descriptions of violence (whether military, his own, on the battlefield or social, in bars and on the streets of New York, or marital, or in the ring) he found truths unadmitted in the organism which is our society. A society which was thought to be rotting because it would not face its devils, would not grapple with them and so could not gain true wisdom. What, then, could be expected in terms of domestic compliance from a man whose mission has been to burrow into the unknown with the help of drugs, alcohol, sex, licentious and unthinkable thoughts?

There is the more general question of the teller and the tale — most neatly and truly put by Lawrence: never trust the teller, trust the tale. For many people that says it all and there is no further argument. Yet can we wriggle away quite so easily? It is easier — or is it? — when the tellers are dead. How on earth can our appreciation of the serene flow of lines and colours in Matisse be diminished by our knowledge that he happily endorsed Fascism?

His work is not available to the brilliant cathartic destruction which Orwell handed out to the paintings of another Fascist, Salvador Dali. But does Matisse tremble when you have that knowledge? Do you think less of *Peter Grimes* when you know what we do know about the often vicious sexual exploitation of young children by Benjamin Britten? Even Chekhov, *saintly as he was, gentle* as he was, is lately revealed as more than a bit of a sod. Yet on next seeing *The Cherry Orchard* or *The Seagull* will it lessen your pleasure or appreciation?

The list of flawed, damaged and nasty artists is very long. It is long even if it does not include those who are simply being part of their times in being pre-feminist or "unaware" of racism. The lists of artists as saints is probably rather *shorter than that* of artists as sinners. Which brings us back to Norman Mailer. One difference with him is that he is very much alive and writing and cannot have his blemishes washed away by time — one of the privileges of the dead.

In terms of my own relationship with him, the answer to the acquaintanceship is simple: speak *as you find. I trust it will continue* and I cannot see why the lurid confessions should mar it.

As reader to writer it is undoubtedly more difficult when you are dealing with a living writer. When I was younger I knew several other sound literary people who dismissed Evelyn Waugh's writing because of his public utterances.

With Mailer, when I recently reread his quite marvellous extended essays on boxing would I have reacted differently had I been able to call on the *punch and the* pregnant stomach? When I am taken up with his underrated study of Picasso am I to mark it down because some of its fierce insights come from parallel behaviour from Mailer himself?

I think not. Although there is a longer argument here, the work must stand aside from the life. It can be mixed up with it for the enjoyment of biography, *but in the* end it is something else. It belongs to a different category. The work is not the property of the life but finally a gift to our common imagination.

The man who hunts dinosaurs

Pete Postlethwaite has a nice career going, thanks in part to Steven Spielberg. **Matt Wolf** reports

Long a mainstay of British theatre and cinema, Pete Postlethwaite can trace his international prominence to the 1994 Academy Awards. Nominated for his performance as Daniel Day-Lewis's father in *In the Name of the Father*, Postlethwaite found his own film ignored by voters in a *Schindler's List* sweep that — three years later — makes the actor smile. In the intervening period, that film's director, Steven Spielberg, has become a major employer, and friend.

"It was certainly Steven's bar mitzvah that night," Postlethwaite says over beers at a London hotel, reflecting on his first experience of the man he now refers to as "my mate". This week, Postlethwaite opens in Britain as Roland Tembo, the English "philosopher-hunter" who survives a baby T-rex (among other creatures) in *The Lost World*, Spielberg's record-crunching sequel to *Jurassic Park*. Later this year he appears in a second Spielberg film, *Amistad*, a courtroom drama based on an actual mutiny that took place aboard a Spanish slave ship on her way from Africa via Havana to America in 1839.

Postlethwaite has nothing but praise for Spielberg as a film-maker and as a person. "I love him as a bloke, and I love his thrill for the art; he's such an un-prima donna man. The man is such a myth, I suppose, but he ain't: he still likes his pretzels with mustard."

While one might not think an effects-heavy film would demand much in the way of real acting, Postlethwaite calls *The Lost World* "much more character-driven" than *Alien 3* or *Dragonheart*, in both of which he played a supporting role. "This is very much a story about people, I think. There's an ambivalence to this man because he is a hunter, but there's a purity about him as well; eventually, he wakes up."

Postlethwaite is among those actors who seems never to stop working, and he acknowledges that "it has taken me a long time to realise I could actually slow down". For a while, his speciality was conmen, notably on TV with Paul Scofield in *Martin Chuzzlewitt*. And he has played a series of memorable fathers, from the rancorous patriarch in Terence Davies's *Distant Voices, Still Lives* through to Giuseppe Conlon in *In the Name of the Father* and, just this year, the ailing, compassionate conductor of the Grimley Colliery Band — one of his most affecting performances — in *Brassed Off*.

> ❛ I love him as a bloke and I love his thrill for the art ❜

"Sometimes, I do feel like the centipede who has been asked which leg it starts off with," the Lancashire-born actor says of the volume of work he accepts, from *The Last of the Mohicans* to a Stephen Frears-directed party political broadcast in April for the Labour Party. "And I've made mistakes because of that. I don't think I could quite hold my hand on my heart and 100 per cent endorse every film I've ever done. There's a small area that didn't quite fulfil expectations, or maybe I didn't fulfil expectations in them."

What Postlethwaite won't do is make assumptions about the project based on some sentimental notion that smaller is best. "It's the pleasantness of my position at the moment: I find myself defending blockbusters at Sundance," he says, referring to Robert Redford's festival of independent cinema in Utah where *Brassed Off* had a rapturously received American premiere.

"People say, 'you've done *Lost World*: how dare you?' and I say, 'Listen, hang on. You can have a really, really bad short or small film in the same way you can have a very good blockbuster'. I'm very Catholic about that. It's who's doing it and why they're doing it that's important — what the film or play is saying."

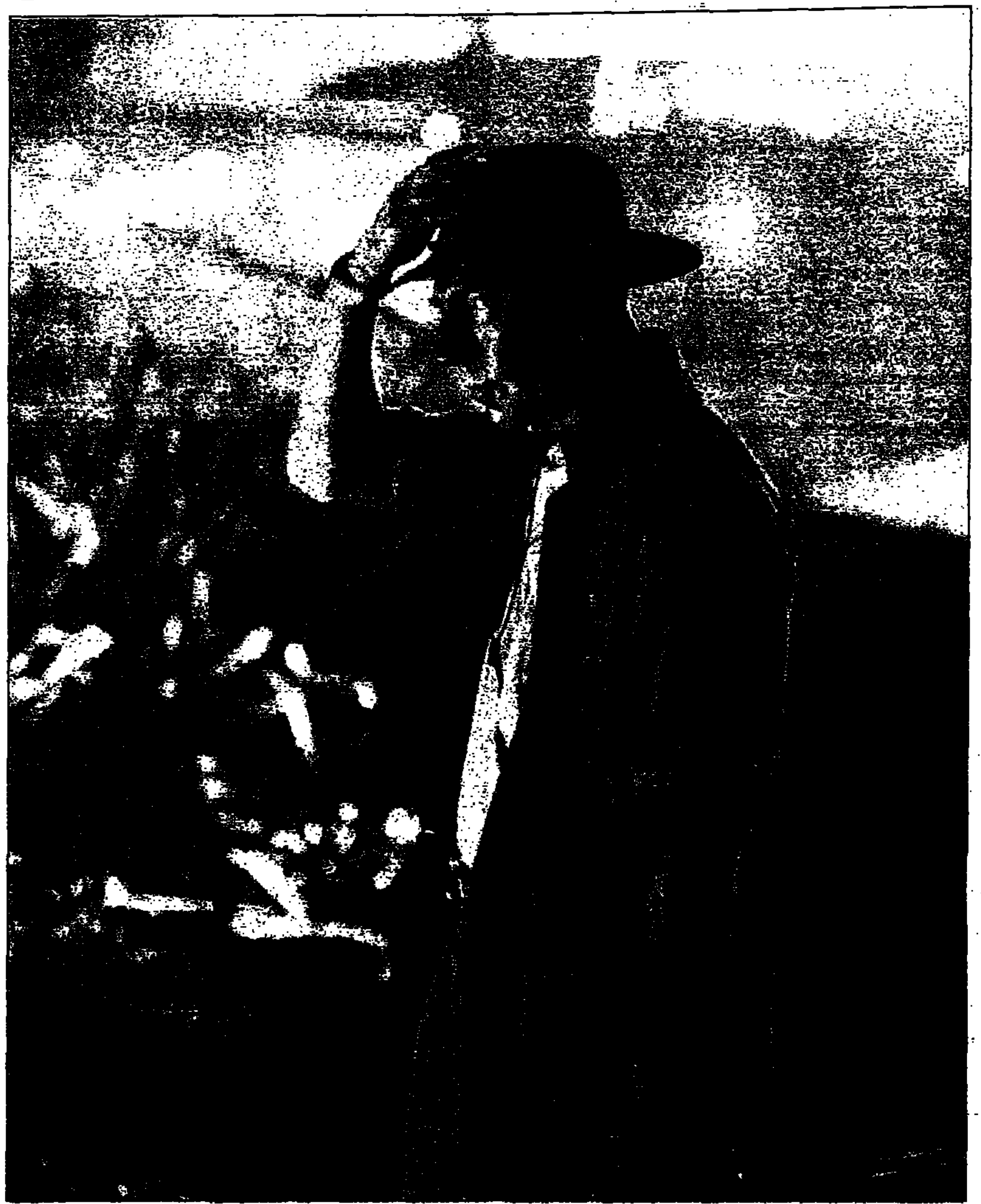
Postlethwaite has yet another film awaiting release, *The Serpent's Kiss*, a period piece shot in Ireland with Greta Scacchi and Ewan McGregor, which got a muted reception in competition at the recent Cannes Festival. "It's a very rich tragicomedy of manners, beautifully costumed," says the actor, though he admits that he is not always the best judge of how his films will fare.

"You're talking to someone who, when he first saw *Distant Voices, Still Lives*, ran from the cinema thinking, we're going to get slammed. The next thing I know I'm getting postcards from all over the world from Terence Davies saying we've just won this or that award."

In October Postlethwaite returns to his stage roots playing Macbeth at the Bristol Old Vic, where repertory stints nearly two decades ago included a production of *Troilus and Cressida* (playing Ulysses) in which his understudy was one Daniel Day-Lewis. "I want to do a production which gets 15-year-olds going out of the theatre the way they came out of *Romeo and Juliet* [Baz Luhrmann's film, in which he played Friar Laurence] thinking, Shakespeare's not half bad."

And though many actors regard the film and theatre worlds as different species, Postlethwaite does not, and won't be lost to either. "The world of international film-making is as crazy and as amorphous and as sort of hands-on and messy as running a theatre company. When you work at the Royal Shakespeare Company, you learn that productions come and productions go. In a way, it's like the whole world is a big repertory company, but what you're always looking for is good work."

- The Lost World: Jurassic Park *opens on Friday*



Pete Postlethwaite as Roland Tembo, the English "philosopher-hunter" in the *Jurassic Park* sequel, *The Lost World*

Knocking them dead in the pews

CONCERT

This year's City of London Festival closed in style, with a performance of one of the greatest sacred works, given in the grandest of venues. And the performers were no less than **Les Arts Florissants**, under **William Christie**, who in Monteverdi's 1610 *Vespers of the Blessed Virgin* avoided all the pitfalls of "period" music-making in St Paul's Cathedral that had marred Biber's *Great Salzburg Mass* a week earlier.

For one thing, Christie resisted the temptations of experimenting with the cavernous acoustics. He allowed just a single, out-of-sight tenor to provide some beautifully judged echo effects, and kept the rest of his forces concentrated together. Conducting from the keyboard with lightness and precision, he evoked the grandeur of the music, but also a serenity appropriate to this devotional work which is sometimes missed.

St Paul's, packed for the occasion with more than 2,000 people, may not have been the ideal venue for this collection of pieces designated on their title-page "for use in princely rooms and chapels", but textures were so well balanced that the music came across with unexpected clarity.

The edition used was Les Arts Florissants's own, reconstructed from the original part-books, with familiar Baroque instruments from recorders to theorbos used, often very strikingly: the accompaniment to *Laetatus sum*, for example, made a feature of trombones against a plucked background.

The fluidity of this performance underlined the miraculous way Monteverdi fused old and new styles of music — the *prima prattica* and *secondo prattica* — into one rich fresco. Consistently good playing and choral singing made for few obvious highlights, but outstanding moments included the gracefully caressed lines in *Nigra sum* sung by an anonymous tenor (once again, the programme was inadequate in this regard).

Also unnamed but definitely not unnoticed were the fine soprano and alto soloists who found the wit in Monteverdi's setting of *Pulchra es*. The final *Magnificat* unfolded impressively, bringing to a climax what must be, along with his *King Arthur* for Covent Garden, one of the finest things Christie has done in London.

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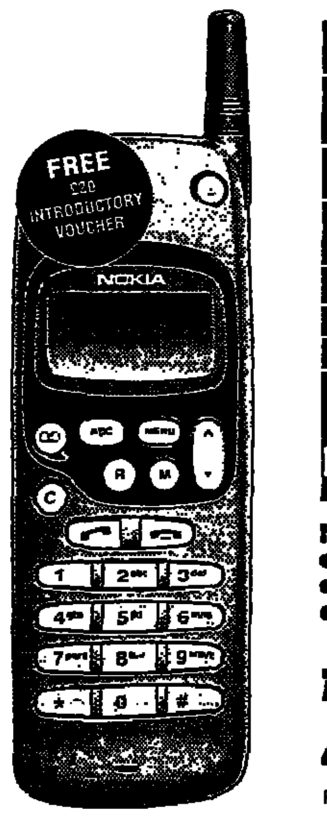

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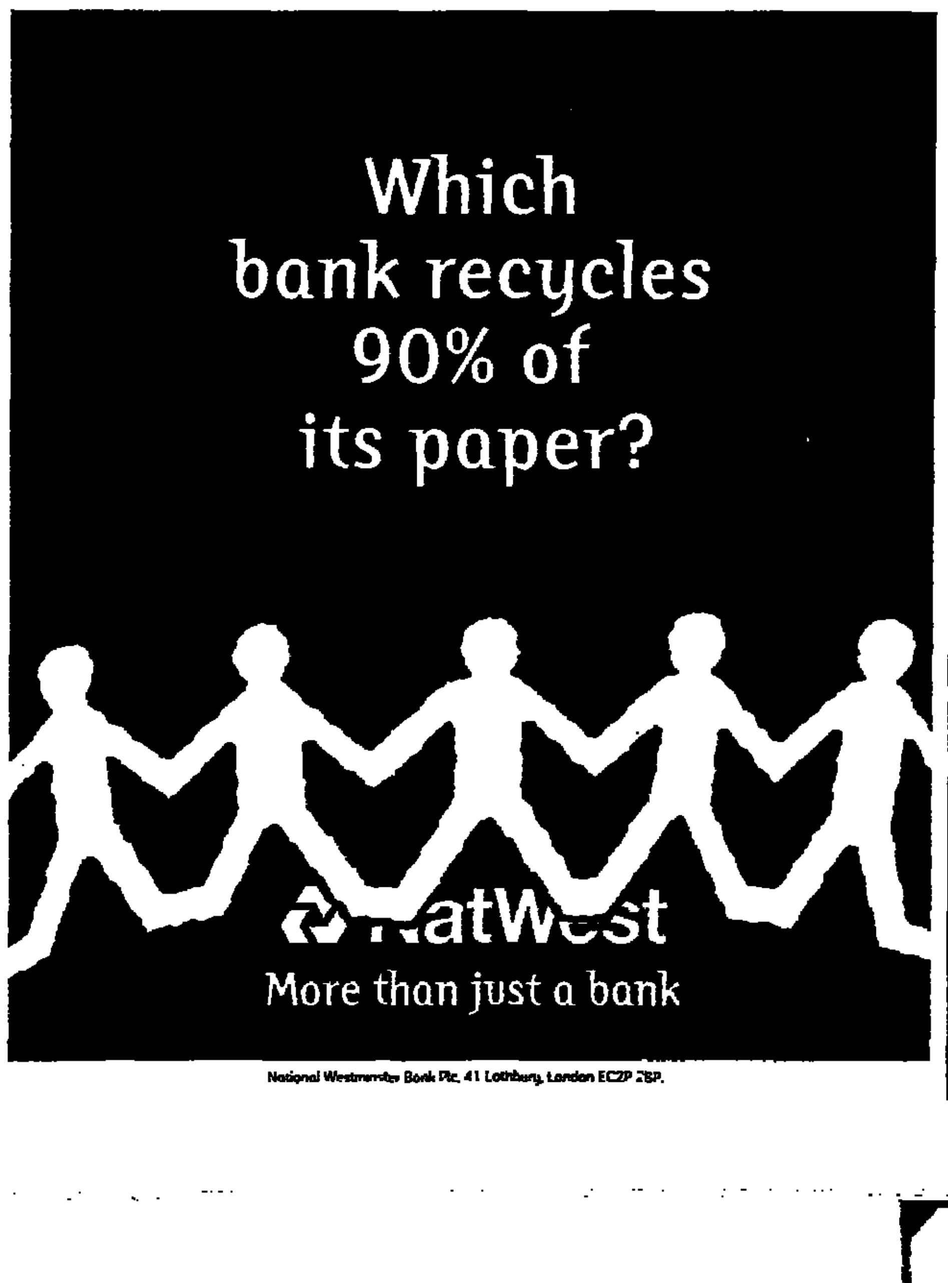
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The shape of things to come

Debra Craine sees the opening night of the Kirov Ballet's *Swan Lake* at the London Coliseum

After all the fun-filled dancing fireworks of *Don Quixote* earlier in the week, it was time for the Kirov Ballet to get serious on Friday night. The Russians take their classicism very seriously indeed, which is why their *Swan Lake* is such a marvel of precision engineering for the corps de ballet. And *Swan Lake* is nothing without its corps de ballet. They are the heart and soul of Petipa and Ivanov's creation.

The Kirov, more than almost any other company in the world, is rigorous in maintaining the stylistic uniformity of its ensemble. Every member of the corps dances like every other member of the corps, their upper bodies colouring the choreography in exactly the same way. They can do this because every one of them has been trained at the legendary Vaganova school.

The Kirov is rigorous in maintaining its stylistic uniformity

The St Petersburg company is also militaristic in its discipline: no army drill was ever more efficiently executed than the intricate formations of these swans. But it isn't just the thrill of dozens of bodies moving so immaculately together that makes watching the Kirov's lakeside scenes one of ballet's most glorious experiences. It is the power of the ensemble's harmony and grace — amplified into almost hallucinatory perfection. Here is what 19th-century classical ballet was all about.

The Kirov is also where the tradition of ballerina as reigning monarch is vigorously upheld. On Friday night *Swan Lake* starred Uliana Lopatkina, one of the crop of young ballerinas who are changing the future shape of the Kirov — literally. Tall and stick thin, Lopatkina looks as if she has been subjected to a session on the medieval torture rack, so long and distended are her limbs. Her technique is equally overstretched, even bendy, and she appears to move without benefit of bone or joint. Yet she is an awesome dancer, at once soft and strong, a fascinating study in physical contradictions who cannot help but redefine the nature of whatever character she portrays.

She also seems to dance *Swan Lake* as if she is having an out-of-body experience. The body is most emphatically there, but the human spirit is hovering somewhere on the sidelines. The effect of this eerie perspective, coupled with the singularity of her physique, is to preclude the possibility that Odette was ever a real woman. Lopatkina's Odette is so clearly supernatural that the only world she could inhabit is that of the fairytale, a place where frightening mythological creatures can beguile noble princes.

Her initial pas de deux with Igor Zelensky's Siegfried was delicately fragile. Lopatkina's Odette looked so brittle and vulnerable, as if terrified that he really would snap her Swan Queen's wings. But in the ballroom scene those same improbable limbs conjured up the fierce, intimidating and invincible vision of Odile as a strange and glittering bird of prey.

Zelensky's Siegfried didn't quite fizz the way his Basil did on the first night of *Don Quixote*, but the size of his dancing was no less impressive on Friday night. He gave us a slightly bashful Siegfried, not one prone to profound spiritual quests, but someone fully caught up in the mysterious net that was being woven around him.

Vyacheslav Samodurov's flawless performance as the Jester marked him out as someone to watch — the Kirov needs good young men like him. Boris Gruzin conducted the Orchestra of the Maryinsky Theatre, who together really went for the big effect in the grand finale.

The entries in the debit column were few: lighting was anaemic; the costumes looked the worse for wear; and those noisy Russian pointe shoes pounded the stage like Doc Martens when the only thing we should have been hearing in those effulgent white acts was the sound of Tchaikovsky.

DEE CONWAY

Trapped in a supernatural web: Uliana Lopatkina (Odette) entices Igor Zelensky (Siegfried) in the Kirov's powerful staging of *Swan Lake*

Hail to the chief slayers

THEATRE

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WHEN Stephen Sondheim's musical *Assassins* opened at the Donmar Theatre several years ago, America's most celebrated killers were installed in small tented booths nursing a song and a story about why they wanted to shoot the President. It was an instant hit. With all nine would-be assassins, from John Wilkes Booth to John Hinkley, crushed on to the small New End stage, it is a minor miracle they don't end up plugging each other.

Sam Buntrock's production, however, is wonderfully persuasive that Sondheim works best in small spaces. Here the quirky, cheap-sounding tunes and clever lyrics are beautifully rendered by a cast riddled with quality. Under the cartoon portraits of their presidential victims, they sit slumped in character until prompted to tell their stories. Stephen Watts's ringmaster haunts each set piece like an unemployed undertaker, handing out guns or blowing a melancholy trumpet.

Lit like cabaret acts, our anti-heroes take it in turns to blast their way into the world's most exclusive club. Garth Bardsley's Booth is comically adamant that it was the demise of the Confederacy rather than his bad reviews that prompted him to kill Lincoln. Pull the other one, suggests the chorus. "The Lord's my employer, now he's my lawyer," reasons Peter Straker's Charles Guiteau in pure ragtime after shooting President Garfield.

The voice of the evening is Paul Keating as the Balladeer. He was a sensation as the deaf, dumb and blind kid in *Tommy* and equally so here. He it is who tries to find some rhyme and reason to this collection of oddballs. He doesn't find it in Nigel Williams's wonderfully deranged Samuel Byck. Dressed in a Santa suit and rambling long tape-recorded messages to Lenny Bernstein, Byck plans to plunge a 747 into the White House. Shame such great entertainment was thwarted. It certainly isn't here.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

In need of the Britten touch

OPERA

OPERA continues obstinately to show signs of life. New works are pouring out this summer — Turnage at Aldeburgh, the Almeida Opera season in full swing, and now Diana Burrell's **The Albatross**, premiered by Trinity College of Music at Spitalfields Market Opera.

Should Burrell's piece, completed in 1986, enjoy the privilege of subsequent performances, one or two Verdi-style — not to mention Britten-style — revisions might be in order given the experience of its first staging. The composer's own libretto is based on Susan Hill's story, and perhaps relies too much on narrative values.

There is some awkward "coming-and-going" dramaturgy, and the two short acts, each of 45 minutes, feel longer than they should. The narrative is like a black version of *Albert Herring*. The protagonist, Duncan, is portrayed by two singers, a speaking Duncan and a thinking Duncan: the moment when they finally sing in unison is an obvious and telling operatic coup. He is a "backward" child, mercilessly bullied by his monstrous mother, mocked by the fishing community, befriended only by a weird bag-lady and a fisherman. After the latter's death at sea, he murders his mother. There are also strong echoes of *Peter Grimes* in a pub scene.

Burrell's word-setting and instrumentation might best be described as uncompromising. Vocal lines are often angular, wide-leaping or melismatic, paying little heed to comprehensibility in competition with percussion and woodwind-rich orchestration, a problem emphasised by the resonant Spitalfields acoustics. The piece, full of sound and fury, does not leap out to embrace its audience.

It was gamely conducted by Christopher Fifield and excellently directed by Stephen Langridge, though there was something mawkish about Duncan, well though James Geer and Stephen Brown sang. Amanda Palmer was a virtuoso mother. Julian Smith showed promise as the fisherman, and the bass Stephen Bowen sang beautifully.

RODNEY MILNES

POP CONCERTS

New tunes fall on deaf ears

World Party
Empire, W12

Suppose they gave a World Party and nobody came? One-man-band Karl Wallinger might have pondered the nightmare scenario after his recently released fourth album *Egyptology* was greeted like an undertaker at a christening.

The attention span of some of the loyalists who took the last World Party album *Bang!* to No 2 seems to have failed them.

Unbowed, Wallinger has assembled a touring version of the studio project and attendance was healthy at their London stop. But from the contrasting reactions between new songs and old favourites, it soon seemed that many of those present had come for the greatest hits. As the band opened with the fresh *It Is Time* and *Beautiful Dream*, one sensed the crowd willing them towards a tune they knew.

Wallinger, without his usual goatee and ponytail, soon led the fickle faithful where they wanted to go with *Is It Like Today*. But the four-year gap between albums, much of it spent in his own studio kingdom, has left him shy of the light, not yet comfortable again in the main beam of attention, and the deadened atmosphere was palpable. The stage was decorously adorned with Egyptian imagery, but he must have thought it was the audience who had been mummified.

The new tune that stirred the collective stumps was *She's The One*, an appealing ballad with a more traditional romantic structure than that usually favoured by the band leader, who switched from guitar to piano for the occasion. Due to be World Party's next single, it deserves to revive the album's uncertain pulse.

Gradually the show came to simmer on the slowest of heats, warmed by the excellent drumming of Chris Sharrock. Old familiars such as *Put The Message In The Box* and *Is It Too Late*, with its Bo Diddley-style shuffle, lined up alongside *Rolling Off A Log*, a compelling orchestral piece that adds weight to the suspicion that Wallinger has an epic film or stage score in him waiting to get out.

For now, after reaching a belated rocking climax on *Way Down Now*, the energy was diffused again on the slow encore *Sweet Soul Dream* before resuming high gear on the anthemic *Ship Of Fools*, another dose of the nostalgia craved by these Partygoers.

PAUL SEXTON

Going hell for leather trousers

Del Amitri
Corn Exchange, Cambridge

NO ONE could accuse Del Amitri of slavishly following fashion. In their 14 years and various incarnations, this Glasgow band have moved from indie obscurity to stadium rock act, via the occasional hit and solid album sales, without ever quite striking the motherlode. They seem always to be slightly out of step with the times, whatever times they may be.

Their live performance reinforces this impression. To watch Del Amitri is to be dragged back to the past, to a world where all singers have long sideburns and wear leather trousers, where all guitarists are clad in beige three-piece suits and arch their backs when they play a solo.

Even the stage set recalls a provincial repertory theatre of a bygone era. The backdrop features a window and faded wallpaper, lit by an array of table lamps. As a final touch, Dvořák's *New World Symphony* — the Hovis bit, at least — accompanies the group's appearance on stage.

But, in recreating the past, Del Amitri also dextrously exploit a set of winning pop devices. There are the sharp harmonies and infectious, rolling beat of their current single, *Now Where It's At*, and *Some Other Sucker's Parade*, the title track of their new album. Then there are the careworn ballads such as *What I Think She Sees* and *Mother Nature's Writing*, and the harsher rock of *Medicine* or *Last To Know*. Each exercises a considerable charm.

Justin Currie's voice, its rough edges echoing Rod Stewart and Bob Dylan, carries the music's various styles with a self-assured conviction. The rest of the five-piece band — including the stalwart Iain Harvie (he of the beige suit) — provide skilful support. But, for all this, the show is never more than the sum of its parts.

Each song's appeal is only momentary: its memory fades quickly. It is a bit like watching your favourite soap opera: every episode brings new pleasures, but your attention is always on the next one. The fun is in the anticipation rather than in the moment. And the trouble with Del Amitri is that, these days, they are rather too much *Coronation Street* and not enough *This Life*.

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Don't play dumb with Radio 4

Michael Gove gives warning of the dangers of populism

It is a perfect talking point for the chattering classes, the sort of issue which would be ideal for *Start the Week*. What is the right balance for a publicly funded body between defending the public interest and responding to market pressures?

The BBC upholds its right to be funded by a regressive tax on the basis that it provides a service the market could not. *Keeping the licence fee, however*, depends on keeping a significant slice of the audience in an ever-more competitive broadcasting market. If Melvyn and his guests do, however, want to chew over the dilemma, they had better clear the running order quickly. *From next April Start the Week* will go the way of *Stop the Week*, dropped by a corporation that seems increasingly to prefer chat to conversation, the trivial to the testing.

The Controller of Radio 4, James Boyle, is planning the biggest overhaul the station *has endured since* the days of the crystal set. The BBC's executive management committee has endorsed a series of changes which will see *The Moral Maze* lost in the graveyard slot, *Yesterday in Parliament* guillotined and specialist programmes such as *Science Now* and *Medium Wave* also disappearing.

Mr Boyle is not engaging in a headlong flight from the serious. *Today* will be extended, and it is hard to see the *demise of You and Yours* as a defeat for Reithian virtues. The big picture, is however, depressing. Mr Boyle seems intent on making his station pander to niches rather than speak confidently to One Nation. Altering the *prime slot between nine and* ten by introducing more "accessible" programmes aimed at younger listeners takes the station further from its best traditions. Commissioning a mid-morning soap opera tramples on them.

Mr Boyle may imagine his changes are *necessary to* attract new listeners. He certainly faces stiffer competition than any of his predecessors. His reforms are, however, likely only to alienate his station's loyalists without luring others. Radio 4 occupies a unique position in British broadcasting as a serious speech station and attempts to move downmarket will only shrink its share of the market.

Mr Boyle seems to want a station biased against understanding. I am biased myself — having worked on *Today*, I am *sentimental about* seriousness — but my reaction to his reforms is based more on my lack of experience of the world than the nature of my experience in the BBC.

Still shy of 30, a fan of *Oasis* and Irvine Welsh, as likely to be watching *TFI Friday* as *Newsnight and as happy reading Loaded* as *Prospect*, I am, despite myself, the object of Mr Boyle's affections. It is younger, more commercially promiscuous listeners such as me that Mr Boyle wants to attract to Radio 4. I do not, however, want Radio 4 run by the oldest swinger in town.

I, and I suspect many of my generation of twenty and thirtysomethings, want the BBC to continue to provide the challenging and authoritative broadcasting we grew up with. Why should the BBC dumb down when the country is smartening up? With more than a third of school-leavers going on to university the market for, dare one say it, *intellectual programming is* increasing.

Even if the BBC were interested only in audience share then logic should dictate a move upmarket, or at least digging in on the commanding heights of the media industry. The BBC is not, *however, just another media* conglomerate and if it moves from its roots it will find itself undernourished. If the BBC does not vigorously live up to its public service role, then public support for its poll tax will evaporate further.

Programmes such as *Start the Week* provide an oasis of civilised conversation on airwaves dominated by the inane, a salon surrounded by zoos. The programme has its faults, it normally boasts more plugs than Dixon's and Melvyn Bragg's pugnacity can wear, but it has played an important part in British cultural life. Bragg is the C.P. Snow of our time, a novelist whose championing of science has done much to break down intellectual *barriers* — between the arts and sciences and between the academy and the public.

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Radio is a medium made for discussion and the disappearance of *Start the Week* would leave the BBC woefully short *of programmes which allow* intelligent people the chance to share their intelligence with the rest of us. Broadcasting executives find the thought of a studio filled with talking heads discussing *ideas* hopelessly démodé but there is a public appetite for tough meat. *The warm reception enjoyed* by BBC2's revival of *The Brains Trust* showed there was an audience for the allegedly inaccessible. It is a sad reflection on the corporation that the series has not been recommissioned.

I*t is not as though the rest* of the channel's output is unashamedly elitist. Documentaries at the BBC, with the odd exception, such as *The People's Century*, seem long ago to have disclaimed any didactic role and opted for a voyeurism more hole-in-the-*wall than fly-on-the-wall*.

Radio 4 has, however, held the line over the years. On those occasions when controllers have found audience figures declining, it has, generally, been because they neglected the ivory towers. Past experiments in populism, *from Citizens to Anderson Country*, sat in the schedules like Orangemen at Mass, uncomfortable and unpopular. If Mr Boyle wishes to avoid their fate he should listen to the listeners and make his changes organic and his programmes serious.

When foxhunters and gay rights campaigners took to the streets, they were demanding the same freedoms

Life, liberty and the hunt for happiness

William Rees-Mogg

There is always some sharp comment on current affairs to be found in Johnson's *Dictionary*. He would have given only cold *comfort to the crowds* of country people who assembled in Hyde Park last week. He defines "fox hunter" as "a man whose chief ambition is to show his bravery in hunting foxes. A term of reproach used of country gentlemen". Indeed, his definition of "fox" is rather more sympathetic: "A wild animal of the canine kind, with sharp ears, and a bushy tail, remarkable for his cunning, living in holes, and preying upon fowls or small animals." What a pictorial definition *that is from a man so shortsighted* he could scarcely see a foot in front of his nose.

There were two great demos in London last week, one of them in favour of field sports, the other in favour of gay pride. The gay demo did more to tie up the traffic, but I think the field sports was the larger. There must have been some people who joined both, but I did not see on television any banners which read "gays in favour of foxhunting" or, for that matter, "foxhunters in favour of *gay pride*".

This cannot be because there are no people of homosexual temperament to be found in the hunting field. I am not a hunting person. Indeed, I have only once ridden a horse, an ancient white Arab mare which took me down the defile to view the remains of Petra; I got on the horse successfully, *but found I did not know how to* dismount, and tumbled clumsily onto the sand of the desert.

Yet even I know that there are bowler-hatted ladies of martial appearance who are among the most determined followers of the hound, and handsome cavalry officers whose sexual interests are those of the great Lord Kitchener. At least there used to be these persons, and I cannot believe that such well-established hunting types *have altogether disappeared*. Nor should they be criticised by the heterosexual hunting community. I have known few people of warmer hearts, shrewder judgment or stronger courage than tough-minded whisky-drinking lesbians of a certain age.

The two demos should have amalgamated, *since they assert what is* essentially the same point: that people should not be punished by the State because other people find their activities distasteful. Anti-hunting people have every right to their opinions, though there is a moral inconsistency in people who denounce hunting over plates of roast *lamb, peas, mint sauce and new* potatoes.

It is no more agreeable for a lamb to go to the slaughterhouse than for a fox to be killed by hounds, and carnivorous anti-hunting folk may fairly be regarded as hypocrites. If they do not accept that, let them spend half a day in a slaughterhouse *and see how well the next slice* of saddle of lamb goes down their throats.

Equally, one should accept the right of people to preach against *homosexual practices. The Christian* churches have always taught, as does the Old Testament, that sex outside marriage is wrong, that fornication is wrong, that adultery is wrong, that homosexual conduct is wrong. That is the orthodox Christian doctrine, whether one agrees with it or not.

Christianity is, in this sense, a homophobic, adulteraphobic and fornicaphobic religion. This traditional Christian doctrine requires absolute control of sexual conduct and does not shy away from celibacy. When I was young, most gay old clergy were celibate, if sometimes *sentimental, as were most gay schoolmasters*. I do not think they were the less happy for having made that choice, but no doubt some were.

A Christian, who is prepared to *live* by the Christian doctrine, can, without hypocrisy, advise other people to live by it for their own good. The Christian can urge very strongly that adultery breaks up marriages, and broken marriages damage children's lives. Adultery is therefore a moral wrong which spreads damage through society.

So long as children are not involved, simple fornication and homosexual conduct are only self-damaging, though homosexual liaisons in effect become adulterous where, as is quite often the case, one *of the partners is married*.

Yet Christians do not have the right to regulate by law the sexual conduct of other people who hold other views. Subject to the protection of minors, sexual conduct, which we know to be extremely variable, should be a matter for individuals so far as the law is concerned. Where coercion has been *attempted*, as in the laws against adultery in 17th-century New England, that has proved arbitrary, ineffective and cruel. Yet adultery, because of the damage it does to children, is a sexual conduct which society has most reason to discourage.

Most of this argument is now commonplace, though it would not have been accepted 50 years ago. There is still a difficulty about practising homosexual clergy, which is causing much heart-searching in the Church of England. *I can see* no reason to distinguish between them and heterosexual clergy pursuing an extramarital affair.

If a clergyman enjoys a love nest with a quiet woman in Woking, that is no business of the *News of the World*, or even of his parishioners and bishop, provided he causes no scandal. *But if he rides around* with a local blonde teenager on the back of his motorcycle, he makes it impossible for his parishioners to turn a blind eye.

"Don't ask, don't tell" has the wisdom of charitable cowardice. On the other hand, no clergyman can successfully preach Christian doctrine while publicly living outside it. Hypocrisy may well be preferable to scandal.

The hunting and the sexual issues raise the same moral question. When are we entitled to impose our personal *morality on other people's* lives? Sometimes we should do so. I have a morality which says that it is wrong to kill people; I support the law against murder. Yet these cases all seem to have a social justification; the prohibited act does harm to someone else, against their will.

Hunting and sodomy do no obvious harm except to the foxes and the sodomites; the human participants do not see the consequences as harmful, but consider them both pleasurable and psychologically liberating. Of course, if other people are involved then they must be protected, even from minor consequences. Sexual acts *should not* be performed in public, huntsmen should not leave gates open. But when adults give consent, and the activity does not harm third parties, the principle must be one of freedom from legal restraint.

Of course, foxes are not able to give their informed consent to being *hunted. Vegetarians can argue that* we should not use animals for our own purposes: that means no milk, no meat, no fish, no eggs, and it also means no foxhunting. Yet we are not a vegan society, about to throw off our shoes and go everywhere in carpet slippers. That being so, the Locke and Jefferson doctrine is the *sound one; the foxhunter and the* homosexual are equally entitled to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"; in each case, people must define their own happiness, not have the State define it for them.

Remember 1945 and all that

The Blair honeymoon can't last for ever, says Peter Riddell

Normal politics is in suspension at present. The *Blair Government is not* only able to do what it wants, but it also enjoys a large fund of public goodwill. Criticisms just bounce off. It is too good to be true and there will be a reaction, probably an overreaction, before long. Those who are most enthusiastic now will be among the most critical then.

I am temperamentally suspicious of these sharp swings of mood, believing that nothing in politics is ever either as good or as bad as the zealots pretend. That overfamiliar, and recently repeated, line of Wordsworth, "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive", was, after all, written about that most violent of events, *the French Revolution*, by a *self*-described "enthusiast".

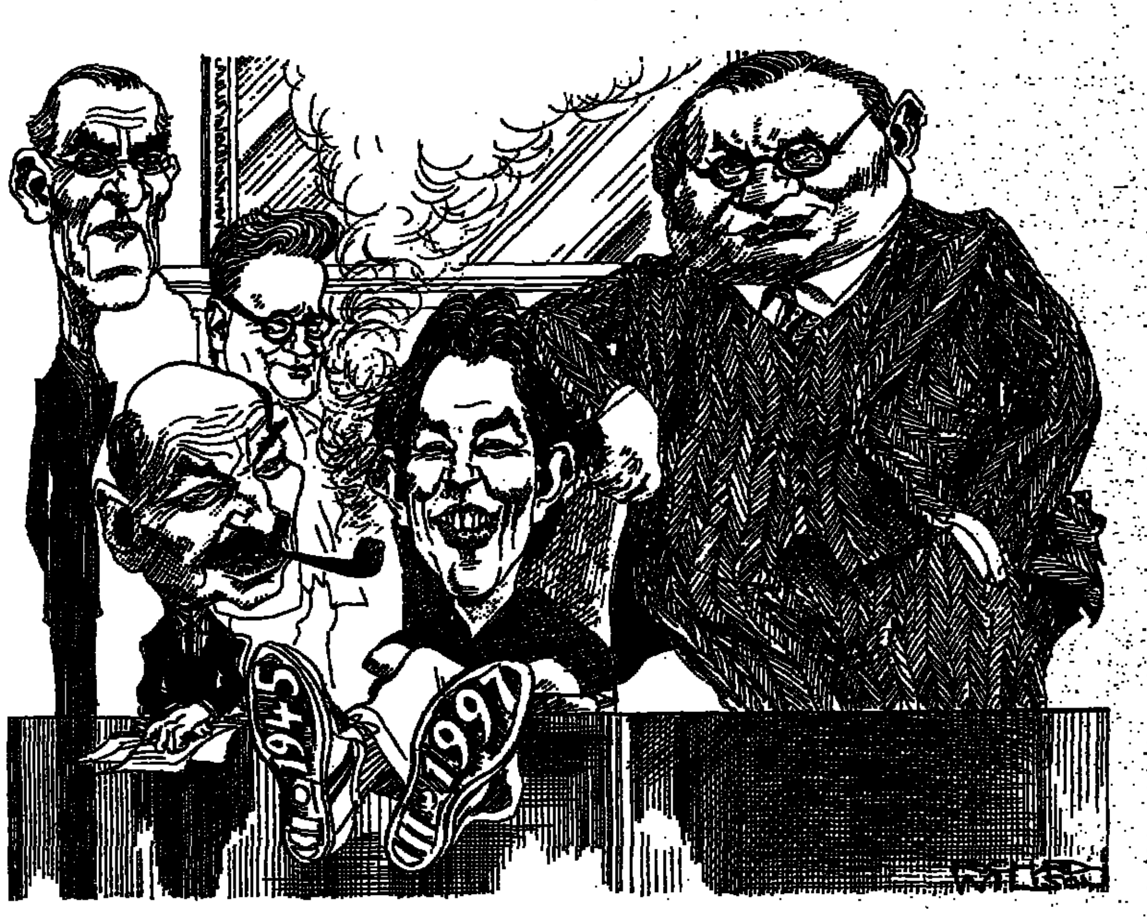
Yet for all my scepticism about grandiose political claims, the general election did reflect a widespread shift in the national mood, which has continued. Peter Mandelson, ever an acute reader of public opinion, writes in the current *Fabian Review* that "a *deep yearning for change and the* sense of relief, of something being lifted from the national consciousness, is still tangible". His argument that the public wants the new Government to be given a fair wind is not just partisan special pleading.

The opinion polls give Tony Blair, his Government and the Budget *record ratings, while the Tories'* decision to hold the Uxbridge by-election on July 31 is more to get a likely defeat out of the way quickly than in expectation of holding the seat.

The closest parallel is the Labour landslide of 1945. Then, too, there was a sense of a new beginning, the "annus mirabilis" of 1945-46 when 84 Bills were enacted establishing much of the welfare state and nationalising most of the utilities and the Bank of England.

Labour MPs, including a vast army of new Members, accepted that their duty was to implement, not to question, Labour's programme, a duty expressed in similar terms then by Herbert Morrison as now by his grandson, Mr Mandelson. It was near the end of that honeymoon period, in April 1946, that Sir Hartley *Shawcross uttered his often misquoted* words that: "We are the masters at the moment — and not only for the moment, but for a very long time to come."

There is more than a touch of such ministerial arrogance around now. For all Labour's promises about opening up Whitehall and consulting more about legislation, the Government's 38 policy reviews are mainly *being conducted in secret, while the* Budget is being rushed into law with inadequate discussion with those affected. The Government, of course, knows that it can get away with such high-handedness. No one is listening to the critics, least of all to Tory MPs, who are largely irrelevant to the main political debate.



RIDDELL ON MONDAY

The Blair Government has made a confident start, even if the big events so far, the Amsterdam summit and the Budget, now look less like the triumphs they were first claimed to be. But no one any longer talks about the most inexperienced Administration for more than 70 years. Tony Blair has himself shown a sure touch as Prime Minister, and his ministers have been self-disciplined so far, not least out of fear of what might happen if they step out of line.

Admittedly, at least one Cabinet minister, and two or three outside, are widely reckoned to be out of their depths. But these shortcomings and the inevitable differences over policy — for instance, over devolution — have not yet made much public impact.

The Government has adopted a sensible *approach on policy — pressing* ahead where it had clear ideas before the election, such as allowing the Bank of England to set interest rates (an ironic reversal of the first Bill in 1945), improving standards in schools and the Welfare to Work package, while initiating its multitude of reviews in other areas.

Of course, as more policy emerges, more enemies will be made. Pension funds and international companies are already worried about aspects of the Budget. The shires — not the Middle England that Labour won on May 1 — have demonstrated against the Bill to ban foxhunting, though this is a Private Member's measure which stands virtually no chance of becoming law this session. This issue was also fiercely debated in the late 1940s but a ban was resisted by Tom Williams, the Minister of Agriculture, on the ground that foxhunting assisted food production, and by trade union MPs who pointed out that hunting was popular in rural mining areas.

The Attlee Government's honeymoon ended in the harsh winter of 1946-47 because of the energy and economic crises. The Blair Government's problem is the opposite: rather than shortages and austerity, *it* faces a consumer and housing boom.

Gordon Brown is now being attacked by some in the City for not being restrictive enough, though before the Budget few of his critics were advocating the scale of tax increases he introduced. Both fiscal policy and the strong pound point to a *slowdown within the next two years*. The squeeze on exporters is likely to reverse the declining trend in unemployment. That will really test the Government's popularity.

Similarly, as the Liberal Democrats have pointed out, the Government's public spend*ing plans are tighter in real* terms than those they inherited, even after the Budget increases for health and schools. This is because of the rise in inflation. The comprehenive spending review needs to find some big savings, and not just pie-in-the-sky ones on welfare, if standards of public services are to be maintained, *let alone improved*.

Normal politics will resume within, I guess, 12 months. Meanwhile, ministers should ponder Hugh Dalton's diary entry for Thursday, June 27, 1946: "I am riding just now on a high tide of success. I must, therefore, cautiously watch my step!" Within 18 months, he had been forced to resign.

THE TIMES DIARY

Stir crazy

MEMBERS of the British secret service based at the MI5 offices at Horseferry Road, Millbank, might be excused for ignoring the occasional tortured scream echoing from the basement's murky depths. *But on Thursday evening* the desperate pleas emanating from the building's subterranean bowels were those of Labour Co-op MP Don Touhig, who had found himself imprisoned on the premises with no means of escape.

Touhig, Member for Islwyn, and parliamentary aide to Gordon Brown, had been at a reception, hosted by Mo Mowlam, at the Northern Ireland Office, which shares the same basement and garage with the MI5 building next door. When it was time to leave, he *was advised* to use the rear entrance because of an Irish pro-nationalist demonstration taking place out front.

Don Touhig: locked in

"I was led down a series of immensely long corridors," said a breathless Touhig. "Eventually the security guard pointed to a door at the end of one of these corridors and told me that that was the way out. When I got there the door was locked and when I returned to where the guard had left me that door was locked, too. I couldn't get out."

As the minutes stretched into hours, Touhig tried vainly to hang on to his nerve: "I could hear voices and *I began shouting but no one* could hear me. I was meant to be at the House for a reading of the Finance Bill."

Like a grounded fox, wild-eyed and sweating, the Labour MP at last stumbled upon a kitchen and a telephone. "I called my friend and neighbouring MP, Paul Murphy, the Minister of State for Northern Ireland. I told him I was totally trapped. He came and got me out."

Tied up

NOWHERE are internecine fights more typified than with the poignant sight of the late Jacques Cousteau's abandoned research vessel, left to the elements off the coast of South Africa. While his family fights over his estate back in France, Cousteau's research ship *Alycone* is gathering barnacles at *Cape Town's waterfront with* two sailors on board.

The *Alycone* is one of a series of hi-tech, non-polluting vessels used by Cousteau to explore the world's oceans and she has been floating almost forgotten in the harbour for nearly two years.

The vessel is costing about 5,000 rand (£650) a month in mooring and maintenance charges, not counting the wages of two sailors *who are kept on board. The Cousteau* Society has been trying to downplay the effect of the feud on *Alycone*'s future, but officials have admitted there are no new projects planned for her at present.

Heavenly grub

STUDENTS attending Nelson Mandela's lecture at the Oxford Union on Friday evening were intrigued to hear the South African Pesident extolling the virtues of Islam. Pressed on the matter, Mandela confessed that his symapathy with the faith began during his prison days.

When inside, with visits and letters restricted to one every six months, the prisoners were allowed a weekly visit from various religious ministers. While the Christians brought in their Bibles and the rabbis arrived with their Torahs, the Muslim priests would turn up with a copy of the Koran and for each prisoner a chipatti or a samosa. For Mandela, it was the food that clinched it.

● *Nick Hornby, Arsenal Football Club fanatic and celebrated author of* Fever Pitch *and* High Fidelity, *is only two weeks away from finishing his third novel. "This one is about people," says Hornby, "with a little bit of football and music thrown in."*

But the author confesses to a problem: "I still haven't thought of a title. It was the same with the last two — the title came last." Presumably not what Hornby would say about the Gunners' Premiership aspirations next season.

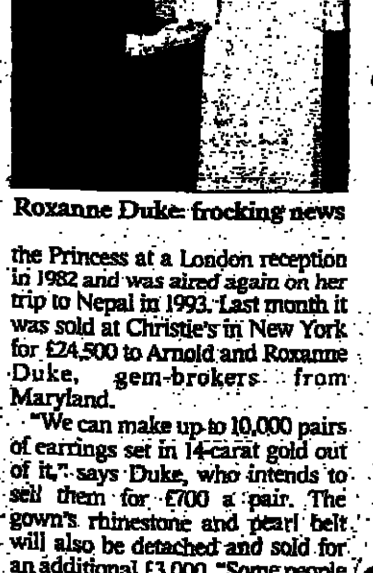
Peer pressure

LORD BETHELL, 4th Baron, former MP, and veteran campaigner on human rights in Eastern Europe, has taken up the cause of a persecuted *minority* closer to home — his own, the hereditary peerage. When the Government introduces *its promised legislation* to restrict voting rights in the Upper Chamber to life peers, he intends to challenge it in the European Court of Human Rights. "I didn't have the chance to elect or not elect them," Bethell protests. "If they take away the only vote I have, I will be deprived of an elementary human right. It would present a clear and winnable case."

● *Taking a leaf out of the England cricket team handbook comes the Tory high command, decamped to the country to bond, regroup and think about its prospects. From yesterday to today, William Hague has gathered his inner circle at a hotel in Henley, Michael Heseltine's constituency. Present were members of his private office, a few members of the Shadow Cabinet and key Tory strategists. Their mission? To rethink the future of the Conservative Party.*

Frock shock

The most treasured party frock of Diana, Princess of Wales, is being dismantled and turned into simulated-pearl earrings. The dress, designed by Catherine Walker and covered with 20,000 fake pearls and *glass beads*, was first worn by the Princess at a London reception in 1982 and was *aired again* on her trip to Nepal in 1993. Last month it was sold at Christie's in New York for £24,500 to Arnold and Roxanne Duke, gem-brokers from Maryland.



Roxanne Duke: frocking news

"We can make up to 10,000 pairs of earrings set in 14-carat gold out of it," says Duke, who intends to sell them for £700 a pair. The gown's rhinestone and pearl belt will also be detached and sold for an additional £3,000. "Some people think the idea is rather tacky," admits Duke, "but I feel we're doing a positive thing."

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SPORTING AMATEURS

The distribution of lottery grants needs scrutiny

The National Lottery has seen millions of pounds flow to good causes. Hamilton Bland is not one of them. The swimming coach, whose web of interests we report today, appears to have exploited the various positions he holds for private gain. Mr Bland's potential conflicts of interest provide Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, the Media and Sport, with another reason to review the operation of the lottery. The patchwork nature of lottery grant distribution gives powers of patronage to a huge variety of individuals, some of them in situations where public and private interests can conflict. It is important that the spending process be devolved as far as possible from ministers, but the lottery must be protected from anyone who might see an opportunity to benefit personally.

The lottery has not created new ethical dilemmas in the disbursement of grants, but it has multiplied the sums involved and created many more potential difficulties. Mr Bland was riding two horses well before the opportunities offered by the lottery arose. In apparently recommending to local authorities the products of a swimming pool company for whom he was acting as agent he appears to have enmeshed himself in conflicts of interest. His private interests do not inspire faith in his suitability for his position as "facilities consultant" to the Amateur Swimming Association. Mr Bland advises on the installation of millions of pounds worth of swimming pools, and the existence of a tangle of complicating interests makes his role, at best, problematic. The Sports Council was right to express its disquiet two years ago and it is remarkable that the ASA has not taken action until now.

It is in the best spirit of pluralism, and voluntarism, that the sums raised by the lottery should be spent by those who are, in the best sense, amateurs. The range of outside expertise and enthusiasm co-opted onto bodies such as the National Heritage Memorial Fund takes decisions out of overcrowded ministerial in-trays and provides a welcome breadth of perspective. Ministers have, however, already found that the range of decisions taken at arm's length can embarrass. The former Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, was driven to express her disquiet at some charities which benefited from lottery largesse. Her objections to funding for "politically correct" causes may have been motivated with an eye to the polls but it indicated the potential for difficulties with one form of devolution.

The questions raised by Mr Bland's position are of a wholly different order but spring from the same structure. Were Mr Bland a government employee rather than the appointee of an independent body then his position would be easier to police. Inevitably, individuals with the experience to advise on sports or arts funding will find, on occasion, that their own network of ties can render them *parti pris*. Common sense has usually governed conduct. On bodies where potential conflicts have arisen, such as the Arts Council, figures such as Lord Rogers of Riverside have been at pains to absent themselves from decisions where their own interests are material. While Mr Bland may have stood aside at some meetings, his ties with one particular company suggest that more active scrutiny, and intervention, may be required.

Intervention should be sensitive, but it is hard to see how an individual with interests on the scale of Mr Bland's should be able to exercise the influence his position allows on major funding decisions. Given his past role as active agent for a commercial concern, it is hard to see how he can remain absolutely impartial in a situation which demands unqualified punctiliousness. Thorough investigation of his role should lead to a thoughtful review of lottery spending.

EUROPE'S OTHER TERRORISTS

Britain must help Madrid beat Basque separatists

The brutal weekend murder of a young Basque politician by Eta terrorists has horrified and angered all Spain. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered in rallies across the country demanding the release of the 29-year-old councillor abducted by gunman demanding the transfer of some 450 Basque prisoners to the Basque region. After his body was dumped by the roadside, fury and frustration exploded across the country. Demonstrators lobbed petrol bombs into the local offices of Herri Batasuna, Eta's political wing. Parties across Spain condemned the killing and the Bishop of Bilbao said the act of terrorism degraded its instigators, its authors and anyone who supported them.

But while José María Aznar, the Prime Minister, led a Bilbao demonstration of half a million people, the government response has so far been measured. No new emergency measures have been announced. Madrid is sticking to its policy of ignoring the terrorists while refusing to accede to their demands on prisoners.

There is, indeed, no basis for any talks, for Eta demands no less than the break-up of the country. It wants complete independence for the Basque region — but forestalls any negotiations by insisting that this cannot be granted until Madrid abolishes the constitutional clause mandating the Army to protect national unity. The Basques already have more self-government than anyone else in Spain. A regional assembly with tax-raising powers is responsible for education, health and the police. The local government is led by the moderate Basque National Party, which stridently protects the Basque language, culture and separate identity. And whereas the Basques were indeed an oppressed people when Eta began its campaign of violence against the Franco Government in 1968, no one could now point to any political grievance that does not have a democratic channel for its expression.

Like the IRA, Eta now consists of a hard core of fanatics with no interest in any political outcome that would close off violence and a continuation of the armed struggle. The random murder of the young councillor is the tenth killing this year, adding to a total of around 800 over the past 29 years. This latest, however, has alienated all other Basque political groups, which were ready to open a dialogue with Herri Batasuna. That may have been a main aim of this assassination. For Eta's soft support will now melt away, leaving the organisation smaller but tougher.

The killing is also a sign of desperation. France, which for far too long turned a blind eye to Eta's activities on its soil, has for the past five years cracked down hard on the terrorists. A French raid in Bidart in 1992 captured most of the top leadership, crippling Eta's operations for years. Other European countries, tightening police cooperation in the fight against international terrorism, have also denied Eta sanctuary and are quick to help Madrid with intelligence tip-offs. Only Latin America now remains a refuge. Even in the Basque region itself, Eta can no longer count on silence and tacit support.

Of all Spain's allies, Britain should be the first to realise the dangers of a violent and irreconcilable regional sub-culture. The Government should spare no effort to offer its own intelligence support, persuade Mexico and Uruguay to tighten controls on Eta and use its coming European Union presidency to help to rid the continent of the scourge of terrorism.

STUB IT OUT

Changing the law could curb smoking

Although the number of smokers has fallen dramatically since the link between cigarettes and cancer was first identified, the remaining total is still stubbornly high. The new Government displayed its determination to tackle this issue by its early ban on advertising and sponsorship by tobacco firms. It will take that strategy one step further today when the Department of Health hosts a conference to examine recent international initiatives.

The most prominent of these come from the United States. Some of the measures concerned — notably a blanket ban on all smoking in public places — raise problems of principle and practicality. A better idea is to raise the age at which cigarettes may legally be purchased from 16 to 18.

The law at present is curious and difficult to justify. Alcohol, where public policy is designed to promote moderation rather than prohibition, may not lawfully be bought from shops until the age of 18. Cigarettes, which have no redeeming qualities and where the public interest lies in minimal consumption, can be purchased at 16. It is difficult to establish any rational basis for this distinction.

Furthermore, smoking among teenagers is the root of the problem, since almost all adults who smoke started before the age of 20. The official Government target, a reduction in the proportion of all children aged 11 to 15 who smoke to 6 per cent, was missed some time ago. The percentage of young girls who smoke is more than double that figure.

Making cigarettes harder for young people to buy seems a sensible aim. The modest level of current fines — a maximum of £2,000 — has proved insufficient to deter retailers. Cigarettes also enter the school playground through 16-year-olds who legally buy them and then give, or not infrequently sell, them on to younger pupils.

An increase in the legal age to 18, combined with a sharp increase in the penalties on those who sell cigarettes to the young, could have some chance of success. The tighter sanctions on the retailer are vital if the move to 18 is to be more than symbolic.

The tobacco industry will probably protest. If so, Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, might remind industry leaders of the tentative settlements their sister companies in the United States have reached with the state Governments who were suing them. As part of this package, cigarette firms would be subject to financial penalties if youth smoking failed to fall to official targets over five, seven, and ten-year periods. The firms have withdrawn advertising material that appeals to the teenage market. They have also agreed to fund a nationwide campaign to dissuade children from starting the habit. In Britain, as in the United States, the option of litigation remains open if persuasion fails to produce results.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Rules for the payment of MPs

From Mr M. Al Fayed,
Chairman of Harrods

Sir, Friendship is a fine thing. The trouble is Lord Harris of High Cross (letter, July 11) does not seem to know his friend Neil Hamilton as well as I do.

Why did I pay Mr Hamilton? Because he demanded it. Why were payments required? I did not make the rules; they already existed in 1985 when, as a foreign investor, I brought £573 million into this country and acquired House of Fraser fair and square. This led to a vociferous campaign against me, including in the House of Commons. There was no shortage of Tory MPs willing to pile in against me.

Even though I was running 100 department stores from Inverness to Plymouth and employing 25,000 British people, no MP at that time would speak up for an Egyptian. That was when the lobbyist Ian Greer introduced me to Mr Hamilton.

Lord Harris accuses me of making "malicious allegations". I made my disclosures in the public interest, notwithstanding the considerable commercial and personal risks involved, like being attacked by him. I have four British children and just as much of a stake in the better governance of this country as a peer of the realm.

Quoting a Commons resolution of 1695, he says that I seem to be "the villain of the piece". In fact, it is not illegal to pay MPs: big companies and trade unions are doing it all the time. What is improper is for MPs to fail to disclose such payments in the Register of Members' Interests and that is the offence of which Sir Gordon Downey has found Mr Hamilton guilty (reports, July 4).

Lord Harris says my testimony was "unreliable"; Sir Gordon Downey disagrees in three fat volumes.

Yours faithfully,
M. AL FAYED,
Chairman, Harrods,
87/135 Brompton Road, SW1.
July 11.

Drugs legislation

From Mr Peter Kidson

Sir, Tim Rathbone, former chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group, says (letter, July 10) that reducing legal sanctions against drug use and dealing will not reduce drug-related crime. As effective legal sanctions increase the risks and costs to criminal drug dealers, so the price on the street goes up and addicts turn to crime to finance their habit. This crime is a *prohibition* problem, not a drug problem as such.

It follows that as legal sanctions are reduced, thereby making drugs less illegal or even legal, so the street price of drugs will reduce and addicts will have less need to resort to crime — at present estimated to amount to half the total value of all theft.

Yours faithfully,
P. KIDSON,
North Lodge, Ridgeway,
Horsell, Woking, Surrey.
July 10.

Budget and industry

From Professor D. G. Rhys

Sir, If Anatole Kaletsky is right (article, "If Britain goes bust don't blame the Budget", July 8) and new Labour really proposes to complete the process of turning Britain into a post-industrial economy by sacrificing manufacturing industry to the need to control inflation, then this has horrifying consequences not just for industry but for the manufacturing-intensive areas of the UK.

The modern economic base in areas such as the North East and Wales consists of a burgeoning, efficient manufacturing sector. In Wales, and as an exception to the normal trend in a developed economy, the proportion of GDP generated by manufacturing industry is increasing and widely predicted to reach 30 per cent by 2001. If the burden of economic adjustment is, as Kaletsky suggests, to be placed on UK manufacturing, then the resultant decline in manufacturing capacity will cripple an economy like the Welsh one, and make a mockery of the "de facto" Welsh economic policy which has based economic recovery on stimulating existing, and attracting new, manufacturing enterprises.

If the Bank of England's and Treasury's attitude to industry is, in effect, to undermine a major part of British regional policy then at the very least we should be told.

Yours faithfully,
GAREL RHYS (Head of Economics),
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July 10.

UK economy

From Mr David Weeks

Sir, As well as "party politics" [letter, July 11; see also letters, July 7 and 12] two other words that might account for the relative performance of the UK and Hong Kong economies are: work ethic.

Yours faithfully,
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July 11.

Blair's 'national plan' for education

From Lord Skidelsky

Sir, I was interested to read your wholehearted endorsement of the central planning of education (leading article, "Labour's standards", July 8). The new White Paper commits the Government to a national plan for raising educational standards by means of output targets for each school and all pupils (measured by test results), specified production methods ("best practice"), targeted allocation of resources (eg, to primary schools) and an intrusive monitoring system ("zero tolerance") backed by sticks (dismissals, closures, takeovers by management teams of failing schools and failing local education authorities) and carrots (bonuses for plan fulfilment).

Three questions immediately arise. What national emergency requires this extension of state control over education? Why does the Government believe that central control will raise the quality and efficiency of educational output in the face of overwhelming evidence of the failure of the former centrally-planned economies? And how does what your leader approvingly describes as a "Prussian" system of inspection square with the values and practices of a free society?

You rightly point out that Labour's plan is "more coherent and all-embracing than any of the initiatives introduced by John Major's Government". I would like to think that this is because the Conservative Government retained some commitment to the idea of variety of school and freedom of parental choice.

Everyone is in favour of a good education for all. The question is whether this can or should be planned by central government, or whether it can and should arise as a by-product of choice and competition.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SKIDELSKY,
House of Lords.
July 8.

From Dr Jean Lawrence

Sir, The Prime Minister (article, July 7) favours "setting [grouping within certain subjects according to ability], rather than mixed-ability teaching, in comprehensive schools" as one means of catering for children's differing talents and abilities, recognising them, and stretching children to progress as far and as fast as they can.

Can he reassure those anxious to avoid the harmful side-effects of *streaming* (dividing school intake according to general ability) — to which setting can in certain situations be closely akin — that where setting takes place it will not bring about a form of streaming? This would happen if the same children appear in most or all of the top sets, so that large numbers of children are stigmatised as less able and given weaker members of staff to teach them, with the concomitant evils which gave rise in the first place to calls for mixed-ability teaching.

Setting will need to be carefully monitored. Badly used it would prove disastrous.

Yours faithfully,
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London, 1973-86),
5 Woodpecker Close,
Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs Katie Ivens,
Vice-Chairman of the
Campaign for Real Education

Sir, Mr Blair is right to pursue higher education standards by trying to reform classroom practice. But he is being disingenuous in his article when he reiterates his pre-election claim that, in contrast to the previous Government, "we say that standards matter more than structures".

The last Government created assisted places. This one is abolishing them. The last Government created grant-maintained schools. This Government is abolishing them. Local education authorities were diminished by the last Government. They're being rebuilt by Mr Blair.

Enactment of this White Paper's proposals will ensure that little happens in schools except on the say-so of LEAs. Indeed the LEAs, the authors and enforcers of bad educational practice in classrooms up and down the country, are once again to be loosed upon our schools as enforcers of "development plans".

Mr Blair's denied structures are the enemy of his declared standards.

Yours faithfully,
KATIE IVENS,
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18 Westlands Grove,
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July 7.

Classical acting

From the Director of
Shakespeare Unplugged

Sir, We at the National Theatre share your concern about the state of classical theatre training in Britain (report and leading article, July 9).

If young actors cannot make the language of Shakespeare and Shaw their own, they will be unable to bring these plays alive for audiences of the future. Our extraordinary collective tradition could become the exclusive preserve of an educated elite. This would be a huge loss and a commercial absurdity for a country whose most significant global asset is the English language.

The National Theatre's *Shakespeare Unplugged* project is partly conceived as a training ground for young actors, but we were still shocked to find that one of our leading actors in *Twelfth Night* had gone through three years at a major drama school without doing a single Shakespeare.

Drama schools are finding that new students lack basic skills that were previously taken for granted. It's not simply that they have little understanding of Shakespeare: very few have had to learn text at school or speak it out loud, and they often lack knowledge of grammar and punctuation.

At the same time, the funding crisis in the regional repertory theatres is depriving young performers not just of a grounding in the classics, but also of the experience of working as an ensemble.

We at the National are responding to this challenge by researching and developing a model for a national training ensemble for actors at the start of their professional careers.

Yours faithfully,
BRIGID LARMOUR,
Director, *Shakespeare Unplugged*,
Royal National Theatre,
South Bank, SE1.

From the Chief Executive Designate
of the Qualifications and
Curriculum Authority

Sir, Your leading article is quite wrong to suggest that "deafness to Shakespeare is likely to worsen" as a result of the national curriculum. It is *because* of the national curriculum that more Shakespeare is being taught to more children, of all abilities, than ever before.

All pupils study at least one Shakespeare play at age 14 and another for their GCSE at age 16. This is over one million young people at any one time. Moreover, evidence suggests that Shakespeare is being well taught — as living drama, not dead text — and that children enjoy it.

David Blunkett wants us to praise teachers for what they are doing well. Let's begin with the Shakespeare revival in schools.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS TATE,
Chief Executive Designate,
Qualifications and
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Level 6, Caxton House,
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July 10.

Greenhouse pest

From Dr Richmond A. Dutton

Sir, I read with interest Dr Stuttaford's "Medical Briefing" (July 8) on the problem of the glasshouse red spider mite, *Tetranychus urticae*, causing allergies in humans. I confess that in 25 years of working in horticulture I have never encountered such a problem. I must take exception to the description of the mite having a "blood-sucking mouth". This mite, of course, is entirely vegetarian and is no more predatory than, say, a sheep.

May I suggest a couple of simple and non-pharmaceutical cures for the problem. One solution would be to introduce the predatory mite *Phytoseiulus persimilis* into the greenhouse — these will eat all other mites but may, presumably, cause the same problems themselves. Or, simpler, keep up a high humidity in the glasshouse by misting the plants and damping down the floor. *Tetranychus* only thrives in a dry atmosphere.

Yours etc,
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July 8.

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Word association

From Mr Ralph F. Rolls

Sir, Whilst thumbing through my well-worn 1978 copy of *The Pocket Oxford Dictionary*, I noticed that the word "Tory" is sandwiched between the words "torture" and "tosh". I couldn't help wondering if this was purely accidental or some subliminal portent on behalf of the editor.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH F. ROLLS,
5 Brisbane Avenue,
Wimbledon, SW19.
July 12.

Forward planning

From Mr John V. Chelsom

Sir, It used to be Christmas cards in Woolworths in August. Then it was the deluge of charity catalogues in late July.

Yesterday representatives of Bromley, the London borough, put through my door notice of a special-offer cut-price compost bin and the Christmas 1997 refuse-collection rota.

Yours merrily,
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July 11.

'Best' scientific evidence on BSE

From Professor P. J. Lachmann, FRS,
Biological Secretary and
Vice-President of the Royal Society

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's article on BSE (July 7) is most unfortunate in that it gives prominence to Alan Ebringer's preposterous thesis that BSE is an auto-immune disease. This is comparable with Peter Duesberg's false hypothesis that Aids is not the consequence of infection with HIV — another story which had extensive coverage in the press and on television. While maverick views on science exceptionally turn out to be right, the reverse is usually the case. Lord Rees-Mogg would have done well to consult more widely before rushing into print.

There is overwhelming evidence that BSE and related spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) are transmissible in a way that auto-immune disease is not. The pathological appearances are also quite different. Furthermore the experiments of the Zurich investigators on the susceptibility of immunodeficient mice to TSEs are misrepresented by the Ebringer thesis which claims that such mice cannot be infected with prions (the infective agent).

However, immunodeficient strains of mice can be infected with prions and do develop the disease if they are injected with appropriate prions directly into the brain — proving conclusively that the disease is not auto-immune. It is only when these mice are injected with prions elsewhere (eg, into their muscles) that they fail to become infected. This is because components of the immune system are needed to "transport" the agent to the brain.

I strongly endorse Lord Rees-Mogg's view that the public needs to be sure that BSE policy is supported by the best scientific evidence. That evidence gives no credence to any idea of auto-immune involvement in the disease.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. LACHMANN
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July 10.

Byron's brass eagle

From the Rector Chori
of Southwell Minster

Sir, Of the abbey itself at Newstead (report, "Coal pit will undermine Byron's abbey", July 8) little remains. Byron himself made sure of that by his family's neglect of the place. However, one significant Flemish artefact, made for the abbey in about 1504, now graces the cathedral here at Southwell.

On the dissolution of Newstead Abbey in 1539, its magnificent brass eagle lectern was cast by the monks into the fishpond to prevent it falling into the hands of Henry VIII's commissioners, where amazingly it remained, forgotten for 250 years, before being dredged up. Bought from a Nottingham scrap-merchant, it was eventually restored and presented to Southwell, Newstead's neighbouring cathedral, in the 19th century.

It is quite something when viewing this beautiful bird to ponder that it has spent more than half its life underwater.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL HALE,
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4 Vicar's Court,
Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

BA puzzle

From Mr Stuart Fyles

Sir, Brigadier A. A. Wilson (letter, July 10) asks what the three small pots of unguent are for in the emergency pack that was provided by British Airways when his baggage was left behind.

The answer is simple. The "Relaxing Gel" should be spread over airport lounge seats prior to delays — I have never been able to relax in one yet. The "Rehydration Gel" should be added to meals once aboard the aircraft — no explanation necessary. Finally, the "Revitalising Gel" should be saved until the end of the present dispute and then spread liberally over aircraft, BA stationery and the like to spruce up what will, by then, be a rather jaded new corporate image.

On the other hand, to judge by reactions I have heard to the new corporate identity as depicted on the planes' tailfins, the "Revitalising Gel" could be used immediately while some of the aircraft are still grounded.

Yours faithfully,
STUART FYLES,
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Worthing, West Sussex.

Same again?

From Mr Brian Lynch

Sir, Picket lines again, inflation up, interest rates up, more troops in Ulster. Ken Livingstone back in the limelight. Didn't take long, did it?

Yours,
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July 13.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 12: The Duke of York this morning visited the flood-affected areas at Elgin and Forres and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire (Air Vice-Marshal George Chesworth).

His Royal Highness this afternoon presented the prizes at the Loch Lomond Golf International at the Loch Lomond Golf Glub, Luss, Dunbartonshire.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 12: The Duke of Gloucester, Trustee, the British Museum, this morning attended a Trustees' Meeting at the Museum, Bloomsbury, London WC1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 12: The Duke of Kent, Patron, Kent County Cricket Club, this morning attended the Benson and Hedges Cup Final against Surrey County Cricket Club at Lord's Cricket Ground, London NW8.

His Royal Highness, President, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this afternoon departed Kensington Palace for Belgium.

The Duke of Kent this evening attended a dinner given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium (His Excellency Mr David Colvin) at Rue Henri Pirenne, Brussels.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
July 13: Divine Service was held at the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, this morning.

The Reverend Charles Robertson preached the Sermon.

Mr Clifford Hodgetts (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Lady Carlisle and welcomed their Excellencies on behalf of The Queen.

Her Majesty was represented by General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie (Aide-de-Camp General) at the service of thanksgiving for the Life of Field Marshal Sir James Cassels (formerly Aide-de-Camp General) which was held in the Garrison Chapel, Fort George, Inverness-shire, this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Major-General John Hopkinson.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 13: The Duke of York this afternoon took part in the Roxburghe Golf Challenge Match in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund at the Roxburghe Golf Course, Kelso, Roxburghshire.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 13: The Duke of Kent, President, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this afternoon attended a ceremony marking the Eightieth Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele at Tynecot Military Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.

His Royal Highness later attended a Service of Dedication at the Menin Gate.

The Duke of Kent this evening arrived at Kensington Palace from Poperinge, Belgium.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
July 13: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this morning visited St Mary's Convent and Nursing Home, Burlington Lane, Chiswick, London W4.

Nature notes

IN the woods on a misty morning, the only sound is the gruff cooing of the wood pigeons and an occasional outburst of impassioned song from a wren.

Most blackbirds and chaffinches have stopped singing: some chaffinches will sing again for a few weeks in the autumn, but the blackbirds will not be heard again until next February. Out in the fields, where the first barley is being cut, yellowhammers and linnets are still in song, but the whitethroats in the hedges are falling silent.

New south-bound migrants appearing at gravel pits are the greenshanks from Scandinavia: they are tall, elegant waders, with silvery plumage and a yodelling cry.

Sunshine and showers have brought out high summer in profusion. The pink flowers of wild basil and the light purple rosettes of field scabious are opening at the foot of hedges, and the first flowers of great hairy willow-herb join the ranks of rosebay willow-herb. Foxgloves are out everywhere: the occasional white ones grow very tall.

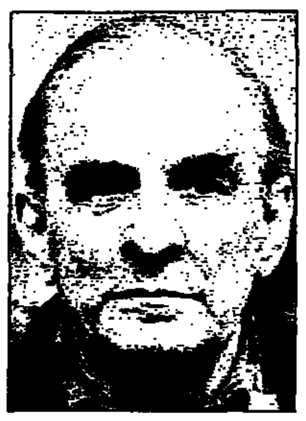
White admirals swoop and glide in wide circles before settling on a bramble blossom: they are large, chocolate-brown butterflies, with a white bar across their wings.

DJM

The New Times Nature Diary by Derwent May, based on DJM's Nature Notes and illustrated by Richard Blake, is available in paperback at £6.99 (Robson Books).

Birthdays today

The Earl of Arran, 59; Mr Ingmar Bergman, film director, 79; Mr Martin Boase, advertising executive, 65; Sir Alan Cockshaw, former chairman, AMEC, 60; Miss Vera Di Palma, taxation accountant, 66; Mr Paul Eddery, jockey, 34; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, 73; Mr Gerald Ford, former American President, 84; Sir David Hardy, chairman of the trustees, National Maritime Museum, 67; Mr Illtyd Harrington, former chairman, GLC, 66; Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, 65; the Earl of Iddesleigh, 65; Mrs Betty Kenward, the original "Jennifer" of *Tatler, Queen*, and *Harpers & Queen*, 91; Miss Sue Lawley, broadcaster, 51; Major-General C.A.R. Nevill, 90; Mr Bruce Oldfield, designer, 47; Lord Rees-Mogg, 69; Mr John Sclater, president, Equitable Life Assurance Society, 57; the Right Rev James Smith, Bishop of Bradford, 62; Sir Richard Trehane, former chairman, Milk Marketing Board, 84; Mr Anthony Waterlow, chairman, Kodak, 59.



Ingmar Bergman, who is 79 today

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

BRIGADIER: J A Thorp and A E G Truluck to HQ Land, 14.7.97.
COLONEL: R A Field-Smith to ETS Branch (non ADHQ) HQ DGAGC, 14.7.97; N A Sutherland to OCE HQ LAND, 14.7.97.
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: W M Carlisle, RLC, to MoD, 3.7.97; A J B Edwards, DANDD, to HQ BF Cyprus, 27.10.97; D J Hemming-Tayler, RLC, to JTMS, 4.8.97; A J R Jackson, R Irish, to RHQ R Irish, 27.10.97; I R Liles, R Irish, to HQ ARRC, 9.9.97; B Nutt, REME, to DGES(A), 1.5.97; A C Richards, WG, to HQ INF, 8.9.97; R N Rigby RE(SVY) to MoD, 8.9.97; D B Ruff, RLC, to DG LOG SP(A), 4.8.97; J W Rutter, AAC, to SAAVN, 11.8.97.

Retirement
Colonel M E C Coombs, 14.7.97.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: A T Ford to AFPAA, 14.7.97.
GROUP CAPTAIN: D H White to HQ IGP, 21.7.97.
WING COMMANDER: F L Mogford to HQ PTC, 30.6.97; H W Price to MoD, 30.6.97; C A R Burgess to MoD(PE), 17.7.97.

Retirements
Group Captain: J Rose, 20.7.97.

Amateurs make rose show a feast of vibrant colours

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

THE Great Summer Rose Show, the national competition for amateur growers, proved a spectacular climax to the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, which ended last night.

Despite the recent difficult weather, judges were "stunned by the exceptional quality and vibrant colours" of the thousands of blooms in this competition, which formed part of the British Rose Festival.

Quality was particularly high among the large-flowered roses and competition for the best bloom or star of the show was fierce. The title went to dusky pink "Summer Lady", which gained a silver gilt medal for Ivor Mace, of Treorchy, Rhondda. His bloom of peach-coloured "Lady Mavis Pilkington" was runner-up.

Mr Mace also won several of the classes for boxes of specimen blooms of large flowered roses. He included a new rich red cultivar, "Gareth Davies", not yet introduced, but tipped to become a top exhibition rose.

The best cluster-flowered exhibit was a bowl of "Ann Harkness" with light apricot rosette-shaped flowers, shown by I. Clark, of Alveston, Bristol, who received a silver-gilt medal. He also won the James Mason Memorial class with the warm pink cluster-flowered "Sexy Rexy", the 1996 winner.

The section for miniature roses was strongly supported, reflecting their popularity. Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A. Grosse, of Haverhill, Suffolk, won the Hamilton Centenary award for a collection of cluster-flowered miniatures that included a new cultivar, "Carrot Top", with rich vermilion flowers.

The top award in the competition, the W.E. Harkness Memorial Trophy, went to A.J. Bracegirdle, of Ramsbottom, Greater Manchester, making him the summer champion.

Among the trade exhibitors at the festival, gold medals went to David Austin Roses, of Albrighton, Shropshire, who arranged their English roses in huge wicker baskets, Henry Street Nursery, of Aberfield, Berkshire, which launched the new golden orange cluster-flowered rose, "Amber Nectar"; and C & K Jones, of Tarvin, Chester, which introduced "Kathryn McGredy", a large-flowered cultivar in pink shade.

Other new roses launched at the festival were pink cluster-flowered "Centenary", introduced by Mattocks Roses, of Nuneham Courtenay, Oxfordshire, bright red large-flowered "Courage", from Cants, of Colchester, Essex; golden orange cluster-flowered "Flower Child", from Warley Rose Gardens, of Great Warley, Essex, "Wonderer", a pink groundcover by Bill Le Grice Roses, of Roughton, Norfolk, and "With Thanks", a fragrant yellow and pink cluster-flowered rose, by Rearsby Roses, of Rearsby, Leicestershire.

The rose of 1997, a cluster-flowered cultivar with shapely salmon pink blooms named "Sunset Boulevard", bred by R Harkness & Co, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, was shown. The James Mason Memorial award went to "Freedom", a large-flowered rich yellow rose bred by Dickson Nurseries, of Newtownards, Co Down, and introduced in 1984.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a Service of Installation of the Knights of the Thistle in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 11.30; and will give a Thistle luncheon at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 1.

The Prince of Wales, as President, The Prince's Trust, will attend a presentation to Scottish employers on the work of The Prince's Trust-Volunteers at the Barony Great Hall, 6 Rotten Row East, Strathclyde University, Glasgow at 2; and as Patron, Royal Opera, will attend a concert at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, at 7.25. The Duke of Kent will also attend.

The Duke of York will visit Mupor, Alness, Ross and Cromarty at 11.45; will visit the Glenmorangie Distillery, Tain, at 2.05; will open the Invergordon Swimming Pool, at 3.05; and will visit Zonal Audio Plastics, at 3.40.

Princess Margaret, as President, Royal Ballet, will attend the final performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, before its closure for redevelopment, at 7.25.

Memorial service

Field Marshal Sir James Cassels
The Queen was represented by General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie and The Duke of Edinburgh by Major-General J.C.O.R. Hopkinson at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Field Marshal Sir James Cassels held yesterday in the Garrison Chapel, Fort George, Inverness-shire.

The Very Rev James Harkness, Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland, officiated. Major James Cassels, son, and Major-General I.A. Robertson read the lessons. Brigadier G.L.W. Andrews and Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Lang gave addresses. Among others present were:

Lady Cassels (widow), Mrs James Cassels (daughter-in-law), Camilla Cassels and Bertie Cassels (grandchildren), Emily Marshall and Harriet Marshall (step-grandchildren) and representatives of the Seaforth Highlanders Regimental Association, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Regimental Association, The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association, the Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) and many other friends.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Emmeline Pankhurst, suffragette leader, Manchester, 1858; Gustav Klimt, painter, Vienna, 1862; Gertrude Bell, traveller, Washington Hall, Co Durham, 1868; F.R. Leavis, literary critic, Cambridge, 1895; Woody Guthrie, folk singer, Okemah, Oklahoma, 1912.

DEATHS: Mme de Stael, writer, Paris, 1817; Alfred Krupp, industrialist, Essen, Germany, 1887; Paul Kruger, President of the South African Republic, 1883-1902, Clarens, Switzerland, 1904; Faisal II, King of Iraq 1939-58, murdered, Baghdad, 1958; Adrien Wettach (Grock), clown, Imperia, Italy, 1959; Adlai Stevenson, American statesman, London, 1967.

The Bastille, Paris, was stormed and destroyed by the citizens, 1789.

Alfred Nobel demonstrated dynamite for the first time at a quarry in Redhill, Surrey, 1867.

The campanile of St Mark's Cathedral in Venice collapsed during a safety inspection, 1902.

BBC Television transmitted its first play, *The Man with a Flower in His Mouth*, by Pirandello, 1930.

Marriages

**Mr C.T.M. Ind
and Lady Iona Hay**
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, of Mr Charles Ind, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John Ind, of Chelsea, to Lady Iona Charlotte Hay, second daughter of the Earl and Countess of Kinnoull, of Chelsea. Canon Donald Gray officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Claerwen and Kit Smith, Katherine Lowson, Rasha Said, Lady Atalanta Hay and Miss Sasha Ball. Mr Charles Curtis was best man.

A reception was held at the House of Lords and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**The Hon J.H.C. Harris
and Miss J.N.G. Fulford-Dobson**
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Cerne Abbas, Dorset, of the Hon James Harris, eldest son of Viscount and Viscountess FitzHarris, of Greywell, Hampshire, to Miss Jemima Fulford-Dobson, eldest daughter of Captain Michael Fulford-Dobson, RN, and Mrs Fulford-Dobson, of Cerne Abbey. The Bishop of Sherborne officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Cosimo Montagu and Alice Maltby. Mr Edmund Robb was best man.

A reception was held at Cerne Abbey and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**M J.P. Cavassoni
and Miss N.A. Fraser**
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Basilique Sainte Clotilde, Paris, of M Jean Pierre Cavassoni, son of M Giovanni Cavassoni and the late Mme Georgette Cavassoni, to Miss Natasha Antonia Fraser, youngest daughter of the late Sir Hugh Fraser and of Lady Antonia Pinter.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her step-father, Mr Harold Pinter, was attended by Stella Powell-Jones, Blanche and Honor Fitzgerald, Eliza Fraser, Rose Byrne, Ella Harris, Grace Hunter and Olympia Irving.

A reception was held at Le Cercle de l'Union Interallié and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

**Mr A.C. Bossom
and Miss A.W. Horton**
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Faith's, Overbury, of Mr Andrew Bossom, second son of the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, and Miss Amza Horton, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Amza Horton. The Rev Ivan Butcher officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Hal Horton, was attended by Mrs David Fell, and Rosanna, Amanda and George Bossom. Mr Jamie Bossom was best man.

A reception was held at Overbury Court.

**Mr N.J.R. Anderson
and Miss P.J. Smul**
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 12, 1997, in Telluride, Colorado, of Mr Nicholas J.R. Anderson, of Palo Alto, California, son of Dr and Mrs Malcolm F. Anderson, to Miss Pamela J. Smul, of New York, New York, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sanford Smul.

**Dr M.T. Epps
and Dr H.D. Pope**
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 12, at St Lawrence's Church, Didmarton, of Marc, elder son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Epps, of Marden, Herefordshire, and Henrietta, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Pope, of Didmarton, Gloucestershire. The Rev Christopher Mulholland officiated, assisted by Father Simon McGurk.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Chantal Epps and Emma Storey. Mr Gerard Silverstone was best man.

A reception was held at West End House and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**Mr F.J. Mayhew
and Miss D.J. Kane**
The marriage took place on Saturday at Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, of Mr Fergus Mayhew, son of Mr Simon Mayhew and of Mrs Elizabeth Leach, to Miss Deborah Kane, daughter of the late Mr Frederick Kane and of Mrs Edith Kane. Canon Timothy D. Lewis Lloyd officiated.

**Mr A. Metherell
and Mrs P.M. Windsor**
The marriage took place quietly in Bath, on July 12, between Mr Anthony Metherell and Mrs Patricia Mary Windsor.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr N. Bartman
and Miss N. Green**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs B. Bartman, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Natasha, only daughter of Mr J.D. Green and Mrs A.J.M. Green-Aernout, of Hampshire.

**Dr M.A.W. Tremelling
and Dr A.C. Gillibrand**
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Commander Alan Tremelling, RN, retd, and Mrs Jill Tremelling, of Broadwindsor, Dorset, and Angela, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Pharic Gillibrand, of Hamilton, Chilworth, Southampton.

Judicial appointment

Lord Justice Saville has been appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in place of Lord Mustill, who retired on April 7.

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BIRTHS

ANTELME - On July 10th, to Rachel (née McMullen) and Alexander, a son, Felix Harry McMullen.

BALLAM - On July 5th 1977 to Jenny (née Rothwell) & John a daughter Lydia Frances.

BROWN - To Alison Powell and Tony Brown a daughter, Imogen on June 25th 1997. A sister for Elliot.

PATTERSON - On July 7th 1997 to Elizabeth (née McLachlan) and Alan, a beloved daughter Isobel Kate

PROUD - On 6th July to Jan (née Farman) and Mike, a gorgeous son, Jack Alexander James, a little brother for Charlotte.

STEPHENSON - On 16th June 1997, to Serena (née Maude) and Robert, a son, Raddon Thomas, a brother for Lucy and Susanna.

WAYCOTT - On July 11th 1997, to Pam and Ian, a son, Jacob, a brother for Gemma and Kerry.

MARRIAGES

MR A J GARTH & Miss E S Griffiths. The marriage took place on Saturday July 12 at St. Michael's Church, Chenies between Eleanor, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs I S Griffiths of Little Chalfont, Bucks & Andrew, elder son of Mr & Mrs J C Garth of Sabden, Lancs.

DEATHS

BREUNING-WILLIAMSON - Constance. Peacefully at home on July 9th, aged 97 years. Wife of the late Paul Steven, dear mother of Eleanor, Frances and James and grandmother to Simon and Stephen. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Lower Slaughter on Thursday July 17th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to W.S. Trenhaile Funeral Directors, 174 Bath Road, Cheltenham.

BROCKIS - Dorothy May "Nannie", at Melford Court Nursing Home, on 10th July, 1997, aged 90 years, after a long and useful life. Much loved sister and aunt. Funeral Service at United Reformed Church, Sudbury, Suffolk on Thursday 17th July, 1997 at 3 pm. Interment at Sudbury Cemetery to follow. Flowers may be sent c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, Cornard Road, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 6ZA, tel: (01787) 372736.

CAMERON WATT - Felicia. Suddenly, in the early morning of July 9th, at home, aged 65. Deeply mourned by her husband Professor Donald Cameron Watt and her family Cathryn, Ewen and Penelope Cameron Watt and grandchildren. Funeral Mass at St Anselm's and St Cecilia, Holborn, Thursday, July 17th, at 1.15pm, followed by private interment. Flowers to A. France & Son, 45 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3NH, tel: (0171) 405-4901, by 10 am.

EASTERLING - On July 9th 1997 at Dorking, Phyllis, widow of Jack. Funeral Service at Leatherhead Crematorium on Thursday July 17th at 11.30 am.

DEATHS

EMUSS - On July 10th 1997 Cmdr F.J. (Jack) Emuss O.B.E. aged 90 years, father of Peter and Juliet and Grandfather of James. Funeral Service on Friday 18th July at St James' Church, Shere at 3 pm. Donations for the Macmillan Nurses may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, RH4 2ES.

GRAHAM - On 11th July 1997, Sir Charles Graham, 6th Baronet of Netherby. Husband of Susan, father of James, Malise and Susanna. A devoted grandfather, most dearly loved. Funeral private. Memorial service to be announced. Donations if wished to Kirkandrews on Esk Church, Longtown, c/o Edwin Thompson & Co., Carlisle CA1 2RW.

GREEN - Phyllis Mabel (née Sparey), Artist, Nurse and mother, on 7th July 1997 aged 84 years at King's College Hospital, after a brief illness borne with courage. Beloved and sorely missed wife of Vyvyan and mother of Christopher. Cremation Service at West Norwood Crematorium, SE27, on Wednesday 16th July at 10 am. Flowers or donations to Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o Kellaways Funeral Service, 104 Lordship Lane, SE22 8HF, tel: (0181) 693-2898.

HEATH - Ernest James, loved husband of Marjorie, on 10th July aged 77 years, father of Robin and Timothy and grandfather of Ashlin and Clara.

HIRSCH - Margaret Sydney Blanche "Maggie" (nia Loopuyt) died aged 74 on 10th July 1997 at home. Widow of Richard Ferdinand, dearly loved and sadly missed by her daughter Sonya, family and friends. The funeral service at 11 am Friday 18th July at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, 62 Hoop Lane, NW11. Flowers to H.J. Bent & Co., 1C Westminster Court, Aberdeen Place, St John's Wood, NW8 8JN, tel: (0171) 723-1186, before 9 am Friday.

KERN - Patricia, widow of William, died on 11th July, aged 67, after long and courageous fight against cancer. Much loved and missed by daughters, Diana and Virginia, grandaugters Louise and Holly and her two Davids. Funeral on Thursday 17 July at 1.30pm, St John's Church, Aldenham, followed by cremation at W. Herts Crematorium. Family flowers. Donations to Mount Vernon Hospital Cancer Research, c/o M.K. Ginder Funeral Directors, 492 Bushey Mill Lane, Watford, Herts. Tel: 01923 221661

MICHAEL - On Thursday July 10th in Croydon, Janet Dorothea Ernestine, mother of William, Dorothy and Stephen. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Tuesday July 15th at 11 am followed by cremation. Family flowers only but if desired donations for RNIB may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1LD.

NORMAN - On July 7th peacefully at Kirtisford Mill in Somerset, Doreen Wevia de County Norman, wife of Captain H. Norman RN. Funeral private.

NICOLL - On Monday 7th July, 1997 suddenly but peacefully, William Hughes O.B.E., aged 86 years. Late of Cochin and Mayfield, Sussex. Dearly beloved husband of Elsie, father of Susan and David and grandfather of Jolyon and Steven. Cremation to be arranged. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Macmillan Cancer Relief and all enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, (01892) 655000.

POTTER - Geoffrey Heddon C.B.E. passed away suddenly on 7th July 1997 in Spain. Beloved husband of Pauline and a dear father to Michael and Susan, loving grandpa to Paul, Adam, Lucie and Toby. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Caversham, Reading on Thursday July 17th at 11.30 am, followed by Committal at Reading Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations for 'Dr Bell's Cardiac Unit - Battle Hospital' may be sent to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road, Reading, RG1 4DL.

ROSS - Donald died peacefully on July 10th whilst at his daughter's in Rivington, Bolton. Sadly missed by his sister Jean, son David, daughter Isabella and their families. Funeral at Roundstone Church, Co. Galway, on Tuesday July 15th at 3 pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to RNLI c/o Livesey, Church St, Horwich, Bolton.

STRONG - On 10th July 1997 peacefully Pamela Mary aged 80 years. Much loved mother of Trish and Roger. Grandmother of Ben and Tim. The funeral service takes place at St Johns Church, Merrow, at 11.30 am on Wednesday 16th July. All flowers and enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, GU2 6NY, tel: (01483) 567333.

WELLS - On 10th July 1997, Commander Richard Frederick (Dicky), Royal Navy Retired, beloved husband of the late Peggy, of Meonwood, Wickham, Hampshire peacefully at home during the last dog watch, aged 83 years. Much loved father of Tom, Bay, Francis and Tony and grandfather of ten grandchildren. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Newtown on Friday 18th July at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to National Asthma Campaign, London N1 0NT.

WILDE - George Albert, of Purley, Surrey, Freemen of the City of London died suddenly on the golf course on 11th July 1997 aged 83 years. All calls letters and flowers respectfully declined. —bydand.

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SIR DAVID PITBLADO

Sir David Pitblado, KCB, CVO, former Joint Principal Private Secretary to Sir Winston Churchill and Comptroller and Auditor-General, 1971-76, died on July 9 aged 84. He was born on August 18, 1912.

David Pitblado was a civil servant of the highest integrity and determination. He had a wry but attractive sense of humour and he did not lack ambition, though he subordinated it to a stern sense of duty to his profession and his country. That sense of duty can never have come under a stronger test than when in October 1951 Winston Churchill, on returning to Downing Street, took one look at the surviving members of the No 10 private office before exclaiming: "Drenched in socialism, all of them."

In fact, as even the Prime Minister's confidant Sir John Colville was to record, that remark was not only unfair but inaccurate. In those days at least — practices may be different today — Downing Street civil servants took scrupulous care to remain objective and Pitblado, who had served in No 10 only since July 1951, was certainly no exception to that rule.

David Bruce Pitblado came from no affluent background. Unlike Jock Colville — with whom he was to serve in joint harness for nearly four years — he possessed no grand family connections and had had to make his own way in the world. Educated at Strand School, he won a place in 1932 at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, of which he was proud to be elected an Honorary Fellow 40 years later.

He passed the Civil Service examinations in 1935 and was posted to the Dominions Office, becoming in due course assistant private secretary to two successive Secretaries of State, first Malcolm MacDonald and then Lord Stanley. During the Second World War he served in the Cabinet Office under Sir Edward Bridges, whom he idolised. Being considered of above average ability, he was then sent to the Treasury. A member of the British delegation, led by Anthony Eden, to the 1945 United Nations Conference in San Francisco, he was promoted to Under-Secretary in 1949.

In 1951 he was chosen to be Principal Private Secretary to the Labour Prime Minister, Clement Attlee. He had held this position for only three months when the Labour Government lost the October 1951 general election and Attlee was succeeded by Churchill. Of an age at which people generally like to have familiar faces around them, the new Prime Minister first wanted to recall his last wartime Principal Private Secretary, Sir Leslie Rowan. Advised by the Secretary to the Cabinet, Sir Norman Brook, that Rowan had by now risen too high in Whitehall for this to be practicable, Churchill settled instead for the return of the young assistant private secretary he had originally inherited from Neville Chamberlain in 1940 but whom he had grown to like.

Destined to become one of the most ardent keepers of the Churchill flame, Colville was accordingly plucked forth from the Foreign Office and appointed Joint Principal Private Secretary at No 10..

There was only one snag. Colville was not merely younger (by three years) but much junior in rank to the tenant-in-possession of the Downing Street private office, Pitblado. But somehow — in an accommodation that says much for the complementary qualities of each man — a *modus vivendi* was reached whereby the two of them shared their responsibilities throughout the whole period of Churchill's second administration.

It was an arrangement that worked surprisingly well for, while Pitblado provided wise and expert knowledge of financial and Civil Service matters, Colville was much closer to the Prime Minister personally and more involved in foreign and defence affairs. Churchill did not find Pitblado a boon companion — not, as he once put it about Attlee, "the kind of man with whom one would find it agreeable to dine" — but he respected him and treated him with unfailing courtesy. For his part, Pitblado bore with relative equanimity the obvious preference of his boss for the company of Colville or, for that matter, of his young parliamentary private secretary and son-in-law, Christopher Soames.

Colville left No 10 with Churchill in April 1955, but Pitblado — understandably wishing to resume the sole charge of the private office that had been snatched from him in 1951 — was more than content to remain in Downing Street once Eden had taken over. This proved to be a mistake. His own placid temperament rubbed the volatile Eden up the wrong way, and there was a measure of relief all round when at the very beginning of 1956 he returned to the Treasury to make way for "Freddie" Bishop, who served Eden until his fall in 1957 and then stayed with his successor, Harold Macmillan, until April 1959.

The suspicion that Pitblado's move was not entirely voluntary is perhaps best borne out by the fact that the initial job the Treasury offered him was that of being vice-chairman of the European Payments Union — not a normal stoppping-off point for a high-flyer. (He had been appointed CB in 1955 and CVO in the Coronation Honours of 1953.)

But by 1960 things were looking up. In that year he was appointed a Treasury Third Secretary and the following year became — in succession to Lord Cromer, later Governor of the Bank of England — head of the Treasury delegation in Washington. This post traditionally carries the rank of Minister within the Foreign Service and also offers a seat on the boards of both the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Pitblado felt thoroughly at home in Washington and carried out his responsibilities with great competence.

That made it all the more surprising that, when he came home in 1963, it was only to return to the somewhat amorphous duties of a Third Secretary at the Treasury. But the truth probably was that at that time there was something of a log-jam on the promotional ladder in Whitehall. Revealingly, it was not until 1965 that Pitblado first got his foot onto it with his appointment as deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Power. He inherited the permanent secretaryship in 1966 but it was not the most glamorous of Whitehall departments — it was abolished in 1969. Although Pitblado had three successive ministers pass through his hands, none of them exactly qualified as a rising star. He had the consolation of being advanced to KCB in 1967.

When the ministry was wound up in 1969, its displaced Permanent Secretary found temporary refuge at Tony Benn's Department of Technology, where he became Secretary (Industry) but was no longer the accounting officer. His final job within the Whitehall power structure was as Second Secretary at the newly created Civil Service Department, where he played very much second fiddle to Sir William Armstrong. He found his release from that somewhat constricting role in being appointed Comptroller and Auditor-General (and, therefore, a servant of the House of Commons) in 1971. He held this position until his retirement at 63 in 1976.

In retirement he devoted his energies and his acute brain to advising the Institute of Directors on several important committees, to guiding the finances of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School and to working with the council of SSAFA. In 1941 he had married Edith Evans and they acquired a cottage in her native Wales. She died in 1978 and he is survived by a son and a daughter.

JOHN AKII-BUA

John Akii-Bua, Uganda's 1972 Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, died after a long illness on June 21 aged 47. He was born on December 3, 1949.

JOHN AKII-BUA will be remembered in the history of international athletics for being the first African to win an Olympic title in one of the most technically as well as physically demanding events. When he won his gold medal at Munich in 1972, he set a world record of 47.82 seconds in an event that the American coach Dean Cromwell nicknamed "the man-killer of track and field". He beat the 48.12 seconds of Britain's David Hemery at high altitude in Mexico City in 1968.

Hemery, who was to finish third in Munich after setting a blazing pace in an heroic attempt to retain his Olympic title, said later: "I only knew Akii for a week in Munich but I will never forget his joy in his victory. In order to succeed he harnessed nature, a good mind, a strong body, a willing spirit, a burning desire to prove himself and his country and a lot of hard work."

The man, who knew most about that hard work, apart from Akii-Bua himself, was Malcolm Arnold, now Britain's chief athletics coach, who held the same position in Uganda between 1968 and 1972. He gradually persuaded the young athlete to change his specialisation from the 100 metres high hurdles to the longer event.

After he had become the Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, Akii-Bua gave Arnold 12 school exercise books, in which he had written his life story, beginnning with childish memories of his very first family races for prizes of sweets given by his father. The competition even then was often tough since Akii-Bua, as he liked to recall, at one time had more than 40 brothers and sisters from the many wives of his father, a chief of the Lango district in the north of Uganda.

Akii-Bua, who had become an acting Commissioner of Police at the time of his death, began by tending the family cattle after leaving school in 1964. Joining the police two years later, he went through basic physical education and then, because of natural suppleness, was persuaded to try the high hurdles. His first coach was the uncompromising Jorem Ochana, who would put a high jump bar a couple of feet above the hurdle so that his young pupil would keep his head and body low. Laughing, Akii-Bua would point out a scar on his forehead from those days, explaining: "Ochana was a superior officer — he made me listen though I used to bleed a lot in our exercises."

After his national success as a high hurdler, it took his next coach, Malcolm Arnold, many months to persuade Akii-Bua to try hurdling over a full lap of the track. After finishing fourth in the 1970 Commonwealth Games in the 400 metres hurdles, he improved his best time to 49.7 seconds on a bumpy grass track in Kampala and then made his international breakthrough by winning the Africa v United States match at Durham, North Carolina, in 49 seconds, a time which could have been faster if Akii-Bua's exuberance had not caused him to wave to the crowd well before the finish line.

Such progress was remarkable considering the lack of good facilities in Uganda, where a pair of European spiked shoes cost more than a month's wages.

But Akii-Bua, motivated by the 1972 Olympics, and seeing it as a chance to prove that Uganda could produce champions like the Kenyans, began to work more and more for strength. He ran in a weighted vest over the hurdles and up steep hills at a training camp in Kabale, for which the police gave him $150 expenses.

Six days before the Olympics began, timed by Arnold, he ran two extraordinary time trials over 10 hurdles in 48.3 seconds and 48.5 seconds with an interval of only half-an-hour. Akii-Bua seemed ready for the breakthrough of his life. Yet on the day of the final he still had to conquer first pain from a tooth extraction, then a swollen knee and ultimately such a dramatic opening attack by Hemery, (who led him by perhaps three yards at the sixth flight) that for a split second the Ugandan thought to himself: "I've lost the gold."

But Akii-Bua conquered the disadvantage of the inside lane. Taking just 14 strides between the hurdles down the backstraight where Hemery took 15, he took the lead at the ninth flight and was never headed. He celebrated, unforgettably, by running almost another half lap after victory, before an ecstatic crowd.

After that life was in many ways an anticlimax, even though he took much pleasure in his family and the friends he so easily made around the world. Athletically he never reached his true potential, being kept from the 1976 Montreal Olympics by an African boycott (his record was there broken by the American Edwin Moses) and failing in Moscow in 1980 even to survive the semi-finals of the hurdles.

To honour Akii-Bua, Idi Amin named after him a sports stadium in the runner's home town of Lira, and a street in a Kampala suburb. But life outside the stadium became difficult under the despotic, unpredictable dictator, because Akii-Bua belonged to the same tribe as the deposed President, Milton Obote. In 1979, when Ugandan exiles, helped by Tanzanian troops, overthrew Amin, Akii-Bua and his family fled to Kenya, where he was jailed for a month and scheduled to be returned to Uganda. Fortunately, the man who always said he raced "most of all for the joy" was helped to freedom. He worked for several years for the Puma sports shoe firm in Nuremberg, before eventually returning to Uganda.

Predeceased by his wife, who died last year, he is survived by 11 children.

EDWARD AMOS

Edward Amos, musician and teacher, died on June 18 aged 72. He was born on November 3, 1924.

EDWARD AMOS was one of that breed of schoolmasters who devote their entire careers to one school, in his case to Bedford School. He taught there for 36 years from 1950, 22 of them as director of music. Known to everyone as "Ted", he did not allow his work in the field of music to cease at the school gates. Many organisations and children came under his influence.

Edward John Amos was born in Kennington, south London, the son of a London policeman and his wife. He attended Westminster City School but during his time there was also a junior exhibitioner at the Royal Academy of Music as a viola player. It was to the RAM that he went in 1943 full-time, studying with Bernard Shore and becoming a member of the RAM Quartet with Nona Liddell, Ivor MacMahon and John Kennedy. He also deputised in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Sir Thomas Beecham.

He always wanted to go to Oxford, and this was made possible when he answered an advertisement from Keble College for a Holroyd Scholar. The holder of this scholarship had to be a string player: the further requirement that the successful candidate needed to come from Yorkshire was disregarded that year, since no Yorkshireman applied.

Amos went up to Oxford in 1947 to read music, going on to take his BMus. It was while he was at Oxford that he came under the influence of Thomas Armstrong, organist at Christ Church, and also of H. K. Andrews, Armstrong's opposite number at New College.

Amos had rowed for Keble, but it was by chance that — having decided to be a schoolmaster — he applied to Bedford, one of the country's leading rowing schools. The headmaster, the redoubtable Humphrey Grose-Hodge, gave Amos a gruelling interview which ended with the familiar, forbidding question: "And have you anything you want to ask me?" Amos casually and innocently inquired whether there was any rowing at Bedford, and, after the headmaster had overcome his shock at discovering a potential staff member who had not even heard of Bedford's prowess on the river, he recovered sufficiently to register his pleasure at Amos's interest in the sport and offered him the job.

He started off as assistant music director to Dr William Probert-Jones until the latter's retirement in 1957. When Amos succeeded him, he became one of the very few directors of music in the country to be a string, and not a keyboard, player. He delegated chapel music to a colleague and set about sweeping reforms in the instrumental tuition scheme, and orchestral and band activities. He always attributed the success of his work in this area to having a preparatory department on site, where he could develop musicians, especially string players, at a young age. He introduced instrumental playing to hundreds of boys, some of whom proceeded to the National Youth Orchestra.

Amos's interest in giving young people a chance to play in large groups was demonstrated when he set up the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools Orchestras, of which he was assistant director to John Lubbock from 1973 until 1994. He was also the chief auditioner for the orchestra (and consequently the junior orchestras and the bands) and was a well-known face in many preparatory schools.

Amos was made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in 1963 in recognition of his work in music education, and he was president of the Music Masters' Association (now the Music Masters' and Mistresses' Association) in 1968-69. After some ill-health in 1977, he decided to resign the music directorship in 1979, but continued to teach full-time until he retired in 1986.

He found encouragement throughout his working life from his wife Jean, whom he had taught when he was an Academy sub-professor and she was an RAM first-year student.

She survives him, together with two daughters and a son, his elder son having predeceased him.

Elections to the British Academy

The British Academy's officers for 1997-98 will be: Sir Tony Wrigley, President; Professor M.M. McGowan, Vice-President; Mr J.S. Flemming, Treasurer; Professor B.E. Supple, Foreign Secretary; Professor F.G.B. Millar, Publications Secretary; Professor R.R. Davies, Chairman of the Committee on Academy Research Projects.

The following scholars were elected Fellows of the British Academy:

Professor R J Bartlett (University of St Andrews). History: Professor R W Blundell (University College London). Economics; Professor V B Bogdanor (University of Oxford). Political studies: Professor A E Bottoms (University of Cambridge). Law; Professor H D Clout (University College London). Geography: Professor S Cohen (London School of Economics). Sociology: Professor G G Corbett (University of Surrey). Linguistics: Professor M J Daunton (University College London). History: Professor I N R Davies (University of London). History: Professor K H F Dyson (University of Bradford). Political studies: Dr D N Fallows (University of Manchester). Musicology: Professor D P Farrington (University of Cambridge), Sociology: Professor P Fonagy (University College London), Psychology: Dr B J Heal (University of Cambridge). Philosophy: Professor B G Hewitt (SOAS, University of London). Linguistics: Mr R G H Holmes (private scholar). Literature: The Rev Dr W Horbury (University of Cambridge). Theology: Professor T. Ingold. (University of Manchester). Social Anthropology: Professor J A Kay (London Business School), Economics; Professor B S Markesinis (University of Oxford). Law: Dr J N J Muellbauer (University of Oxford), Economics; Professor A D Nuttall (University of Oxford), Literature; Professor N F Palmer (University of Oxford). Literature: Dr M Schofield (University of Cambridge). Classics: Professor I G Simmons (University of Durham). Geography: Professor A Stepan (University of Oxford). Political studies: Professor W L Twining (University College London). Law: Professor P M Warren (University of Bristol). Archaeology: Professor T Williamson (University of Edinburgh). Philosophy: Professor A B Worden (University of Sussex). History.

Professor B Tizard (formerly University of London), Social psychology, was elected a Senior Fellow of the British Academy.

The following scholars were elected Corresponding Fellows of the British Academy:

Professor W Berschin (Germany). Medieval studies: Professor L R Binford (USA). Archaeology: Professor R Boudon (France). Sociology: Professor W M Corden (USA). Economics: Professor A Grafton (USA). History: Professor J P Greene (USA). History; Dr M H Hansen (Denmark). Classics; Professor J A W Kamp (Germany). Linguistics; Dr H Kötz (Germany). Law: Professor E Lichtenberger (Austria). Geography: Professor J J Linz (USA). Political studies; Professor L Ricci (Italy). Ethiopian studies; Professor T M Scanlon, Jr (USA). Philosophy: Professor F Smahel (Czech Republic). History: Professor J D Spence (USA). History.

The following scholars were elected Honorary Fellows of the British Academy: Sir David Cox; Sir Kenneth Durham.

The following medals and prizes were awarded::

Burkitt Medal for Biblical Studies, Professor R N Whybray.

Derek Allen Prize (in Celtic studies). Professor P Mac Cana.

Grahame Clark Medal, Professor J D Clark, FBA.

Sir Israel Gollancz Prize, Professor F C Robinson, FBA.

Kenyon Medal for Classical Studies, Professor R G M Nisbet, FBA.

Rose Mary Crawshay Prizes, (i) Ms K Williamson, ed *The Poetical Works of Christopher Smart*, volumes V and VI, Clarendon Press: (ii) Professor H Lee, for *Virginia Woolf*, Chatto & Windus Random House.

Serena Medal, Professor M E Mallett.

ON THIS DAY

July 14, 1904

King Edward VII was a popular and successful figure on the turf; so a return visit to the Newmarket Workhouse, during which he joked with some of the inmates and chatted with a former trainer to the King of Spain, fitted in well with some racing on the Heath.

THE KING AT NEWMARKET WORKHOUSE

It is well known that the King takes a great interest in the conditions under which even the poorest of his subjects live.

He recalled an earlier visit to Newmarket Union Workhouse when he visited the institution yesterday to see the extensive alterations that have been made to the buildings. Passing into the workhouse, the King expressed his satisfaction at seeing so large, clean and airy an apartment as that used by the inmates as a dining-hall.

For some moments the King stood looking at a coloured reproduction of the well-known picture "The Thin Red Line," and then he asked to be shown the dietary list. On being informed by the master that a new dietary comes into force at Michaelmas the King replied that he knew of it and that it was preferable to that in force. He asked to have the inmates marched in, noticing the midday meal was ready, and stayed until the 200 adults in the workhouse took their seats.

The hospital was next visited, and in the women's ward the King stayed to ask an elderly woman whether she was happy and comfortable. "Oh, yes, Sir," was the reply. "I hope you never quarrel," remarked the King, "there are several of you here." "Oh, no, Sir," the old dame assured her Sovereign, who laughingly asked, "You're sure you never do?" Noticing an open balcony, the King inquired whether it was for the open-air treatment of consumption, and remarked that those using it would no doubt be interested at seeing the racehorses exercising in the paddock.

In the men's ward was lying a stable-lad in the last stages of consumption, and the King went up to him and asked whether he could play the mandoline lying near. The boy was too confused to answer, and the master informed the King that Johnny would like to try to play the National Anthem on it. With a kindly word that put Johnny Watts at his ease at once he bade him try, and stood by the bedside while the lad played, afterwards telling the delighted boy he had done it very well.

In another ward the King's attention was called to William Parkinson, who, at the age of 83, is spending his last years in the workhouse. On being told that Parkinson was formerly trainer of racehorses to the late King of Spain, his Majesty questioned him. Parkinson replied that he had been a great traveller, having been nearly all over the world. He had resided, he said, in Russia and Prussia; and for some moments King and subject chatted, mentioning various places abroad. Just before he left the King asked Parkinson whether he knew Queen Isabella was dead, and then inquired whether the man was comfortable, expressing his pleasure at hearing that he was. In the kitchen the King remarked that the arrangements were "capital".

The King was asked whether he would allow one of the wards of the workhouse to be called "King Edward VII Ward," and readily consented. As he was leaving, the visitors' book was brought him, and in it he wrote: "It is nine years since I visited this union, and I find it vastly improved and in excellent order. Edward R.& I, July 13, 1904."

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NEWS

Inquiry into swim man's lottery deals

■ A government inquiry was promised into allegations that Hamilton Bland, the BBC's "voice of swimming", had been involved in a potential conflict of interests over the distribution of National Lottery money.

Mr Bland has an official role recommending which swimming pool bids get lottery cash. But, an investigation by *The Times* and Granada TV's *World in Action* shows, he is also a consultant for those seeking funding.................. **Pages 1, 8, 9**

Former Major aide is US envoy

■ Christopher Meyer, a former Downing Street press secretary under John Major, has emerged as the surprise front-runner to take over the key diplomatic post of British Ambassador to Washington from Sir John Kerr, who will return to London in the autumn to head the Diplomatic Service .... **Page 1**

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Street violence erupted in northern Spain after the murder of a town councillor by the separatist movement Eta............ **Pages 1, 11**

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A crusade to stanch the deluge of junk mail and the sale of personal information about customers without consent is to be undertaken by the data protection watchdog.......................... **Page 1**

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British Airways' flights from Heathrow will be disrupted for at least the next three days as while strikers have returned more than 1,800 cabin staff are still on sick leave.................................. **Page 2**

Helicopter crash

A boy aged nine died when a helicopter pleasure flight organised by a Noel Edmonds charity crashed near Glamis Castle. Five others were hurt .... **Page 3**

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Balancing the demands of a career and home life is becoming an increasing problem for today's young professionals, according to research. One-fifth would be prepared to take a pay cut if it meant having more free time...... **Page 7**

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Mask-wearing art restorers have removed a cancer-causing chemical from more than 27,500 original Acts of Parliament dating back to 1497 in a secret three-year operation .... **Page 10**

Nazi loot returned

A Cubist masterpiece has been returned to its owner by the French Government, 57 years after it was looted from a Jewish collector by the Nazis ......**Page 11**

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Nearly half the Palestinian budget this year — $326 million (£194 million) — had been lost to corruption or mismanagement, according to an internal Palestinian audit............................... **Page 14**

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A girl aged 12 was killed and several people were hurt when thousands of spectators were showered by flying debris after a Canberra hospital demolition went wrong .... **Page 14**

Glenn Miller 'died in French brothel'

■ Glenn Miller, the American band leader, did not die in a plane crash over the Channel but in a French brothel, according to a German investigative journalist. The author of a book about Germany's intelligence service claims Miller's plane reached France and that he died of a heart attack in the arms of a Paris prostitute .... **Page 1**

AFP

Soldiers wear First Word War battledress at a commemoration yesterday of the battle of Passchendaele in Belgium 80 years ago

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LOTTERY NUMBERS

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Two jackpot winners each received £3,687,158. Thirty-three ticket-holders won £68,758 for five balls and the bonus ball; 1,070 won more than £1,000 for five balls; 67,405 won £45 for four; 1,216,670 won £10.

TOMORROW

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■ ARTS
Richard Cork reviews the Hiroshige exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, London

■ LAW
American law firms are recruiting in London — and English lawyers are cashing in

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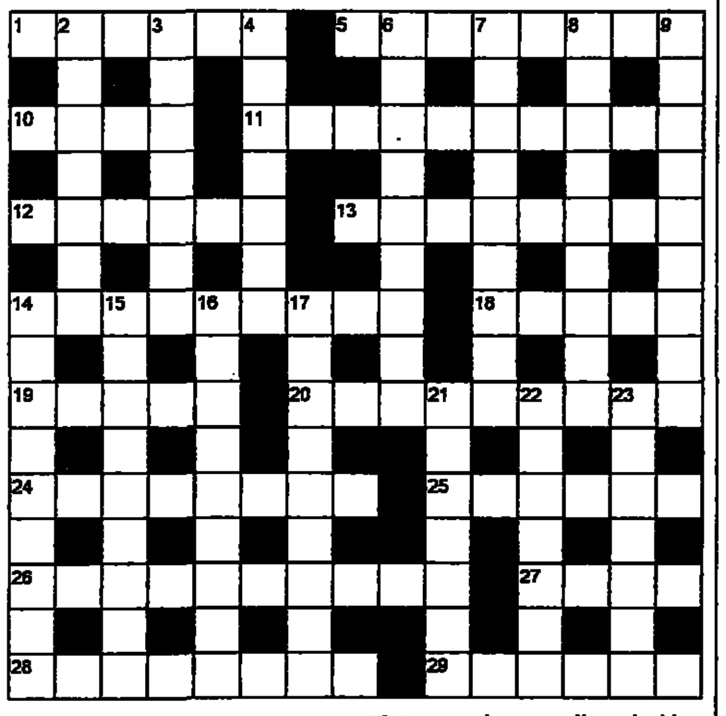

ACROSS

1 Hard worker one of those responsible for horse and trap (6).
5 Militant is in Berlin following fourth part of play (8).
10 Celebrity backing way to become national leader (4).
11 Racy cadets ragged timid fellow (7-3).
12 It prevents one sinking in a difficult situation (6).
13 Cave in wood sheltering everyone on way back (8).
14 County coach provides position for foremost players (9).
18 French resort accommodating English relative (5).
19 Section of cult rather extreme in opinion (5).
20 Gathered together and composed (9).
24 Disciplinarian can initially spoil film (8).
25 A rodent keeps it in a hole (6).
26 Hired worker, one bit by bit accepted by 3 (10).
27 Meet a stated target (4).
28 Answered snappily, looking embarrassed about rich cake (8).
29 Spiteful-sounding yarn (6).

DOWN

2 Soak last of fruit in port to make this dish (7).
3 He views the action from a box (7).
4 Beginning to develop sickbay erected with little cash (7).
6 Material point grasped by Nym, for one (9).
7 Inactivity could be nice, pocketing new benefit (9).
8 Beginning event with Greek character replacing daughter (9).
9 It establishes ownership of river in noble's possession (5,4).
14 He may have a warrant to lead strikers on the march (4,5).
15 Saving system set up by House, in readiness for a rainy day (5,4).
16 Traits one developed as a shopkeeper (9).
17 Original model made by roguish Eastern characters (9).
21 State of a solid figure, expressed briefly (7).
22 Delicacy — one a king consumed by a grotto (7).
23 Show lively interest, taking in directions in this way (7).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,530 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.00 am
Sun sets: 9.12 pm
Moon sets 12.55 am
Moon rises 3.11 pm

Full moon July 20
London 9.12 pm to 5.01 am
Bristol 9.22 pm to 5.11 am
Edinburgh 9.50 pm to 4.48 am
Manchester 9.31 pm to 4.59 am
Penzance 9.27 pm to 5.29 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Central, eastern and northern England will have a dry day with sunny spells, with the best of the sunshine in the east. A little fresher than of late.

Wales, SW England, W Scotland, N Ireland dry and bright at first: hazy sunshine. Cloudier later, rain in N Ireland in afternoon, reaching other western areas by evening.

Northern and eastern Scotland will start cloudy with showers. Drier, brighter in all but Shetland later. Tonight many eastern parts will remain dry with clear spells, but western areas will cloud over during evening with rain pushing eastwards, bringing a damp and misty night.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E, NW, Cent N, NE England, Midlands, E Anglia, Ch'l Is:** Mostly dry day. Long sunny spells. Cloudier periods. Light wind. Max 21C (70F)

☐ **SW England, Wales, IoM:** sunshine this morning, cloudier cloud this afternoon, rain by evening. Light wind. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Lakes, SW, NW Scotland, G'gow, Argyll:** Mostly dry with sunny spells. Cloudier by evening. Light wind. Max 19C (66F)

☐ **Borders, E'burgh & Dundee, A'deen, Cent H'lands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney:** Cloudy, showers this morning. Brighter and drier this afternoon. Light wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Shetland:** Mostly cloudy with showers Moderate SE wind. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **N Ireland:** Quite bright at first, but mainly cloudy with rain this afternoon. Light to mod S wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Outlook:** Unsettled, but generally warm and dry in South East.

☐ **Pollen:** low in SW, SE, Cent S England, London; moderate in NE England, S Wales, East Anglia, Home Counties; high in Scotland, N Ireland, NW England, N Wales, Midlands (supplied by Pollen Research Unit).

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

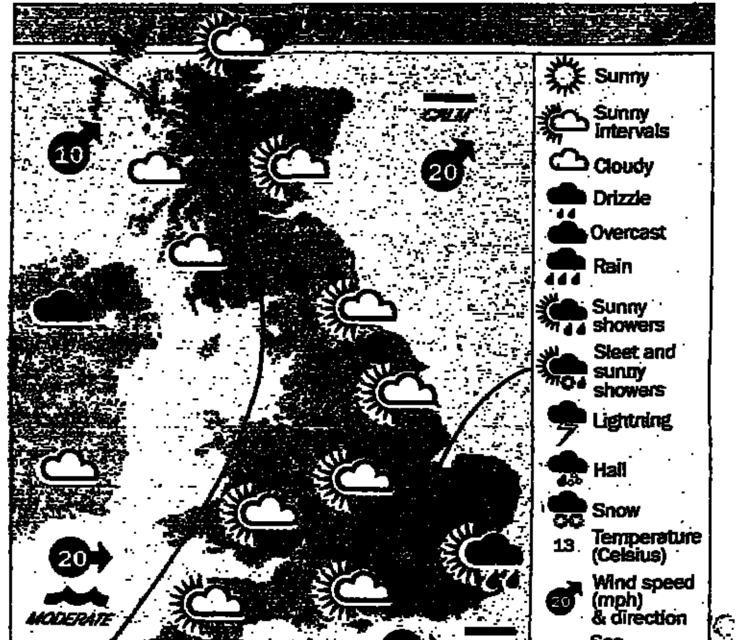
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.3	0.13	20	68	sh	Jersey	10.1	-	22	72	s
Anglesey	1.9	0.23	17	63	r	Kinloss	1.6	0.25	21	70	t
Aspatria	3.3	0.34	20	68	r	Leeds	5.2	0.05	22	72	sh
Aviemore	2.0	0.05	21	70	sh	Lerwick	0.1	-	15	59	c
Belfast	1.5	0.18	18	64	sh	Leuchars	1.1	0.39	19	66	r
Birmingham	7.7	0.13	22	72	s	Littlehmptn	5.4	-	21	70	s
Bognor R	6.0	-	20	68	s	London	6.6	0.01	24	75	b
Bristol	6.0	0.35	21	70	b	Lowestoft	9.8	-	21	70	s
Buxton	6.0	0.11	21	70	s	Manchester	5.7	0.22	22	72	sh
Cardiff	4.8	0.28	20	68	sh	Margate	12.3	-	25	77	s
Clacton	X	-	19	66	s	Minehead	3.8	0.13	22	72	sh
Colwyn Bay	6.0	0.01	22	72	b	Morecambe	5.5	0.36	21	70	t
Cromer	7.6	0.08	23	73	t	Newcastle	4.1	0.15	23	73	t
Dunbar	1.4	0.28	18	64	sh	Norwich	8.6	-	24	75	t
Eastbourne	7.9	-	21	70	s	Oxford	9.3	0.23	22	72	r
Edinburgh	0.9	0.12	21	70	sh	Penzance	X	0.05	20	68	r
Eskdalemuir	2.0	0.43	19	66	sh	Poole	8.4	-	24	75	s
Exmouth	4.7	0.21	18	64	b	Prestatyn	X	0.01	23	73	b
Falmouth	0.6	-	19	66	c	Ross-o-wye	7.4	0.19	22	72	s
Fishguard	5.1	0.12	19	66	sh	Salcombe	3.1	0.29	19	66	b
Folkestone	13.3	-	22	72	s	Sauntn Snd	1.2	0.04	19	66	b
Glasgow	2.4	0.04	22	72	b	Scarboro'	7.5	0.04	22	72	sh
Guernsey	9.0	-	22	72	s	Shrewsbury	6.5	0.07	22	72	sh
Hastings	10.2	-	20	68	s	Skegness	4.0	0.19	20	68	sh
Hayling I.	6.6	-	21	70	s	Southport	7.1	0.25	22	72	s
Herne Bay	11.9	-	25	77	s	Stornoway	3.2	0.19	17	63	r
Hove	8.5	-	20	68	s	Tenby	3.3	0.26	20	68	c
Hunstanton	2.2	0.17	21	70	sh	Tiree	3.8	0.09	17	63	r
Isle of Man	1.3	0.36	17	63	r	Torquay	4.6	0.15	20	68	b
Isle Of Wight	8.2	-	19	66	s	Weymouth	7.3	0.02	19	66	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	25	77	s	C'phagn	20	68	f	Malaga	26	79	s	S Paulo	21	70	c
Akrotiri	30	86	s	Dublin	14	57	c	Malta	30	86	s	Salzburg	23	73	f
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Melb'rne	11	52	f	Santiago	14	57	f
Algiers	29	84	s	Faro	27	81	s	Mexico C	21	70	s	Seoul	25	77	c
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Florence	29	84	f	Miami	32	90	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Athens	31	88	s	Frankfurt	28	82	f	Milan	28	82	s	St'kholm	20	68	s
B Aires	15	59	s	Funchal	22	72	c	Montreal	27	81	s	Strasb'rg	26	79	f
Bahrain	40	104	s	Geneva	24	75	s	Moscow	17	63	c	Sydney	14	57	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Munich	23	73	f	Tangier	30	86	s
Barbados	28	82	c	Helsinki	20	68	f	N Delhi	34	93	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	f
Barcelona	24	75	s	Hong K	32	90	s	N York	30	86	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Beirut	30	86	f	Innsbrck	21	70	f	Nairobi	21	70	f	Tokyo	23	73	r
Belgrade	20	68	f	Istanbul	29	84	f	Naples	30	86	s	Toronto	29	84	s
Berlin	23	73	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	24	75	s	Tunis	31	88	f
Bermuda	29	84	f	Jo'burg	16	61	s	Oslo	24	75	s	Valencia	28	82	s
Biarritz	24	75	s	Karachi	X			Paris	23	73	s	Vanc'ver	18	64	f
Borde'x	25	77	f	L Angels	21	70	s	Peking	34	93	f	Venice	26	79	s
Brussels	24	75	s	L Palmas	25	77	f	Perth	13	55	s	Vienna	21	70	r
Budapest	22	72	f	Le Tquet	18	64	f	Prague	22	72	f	Warsaw	18	64	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Lisbon	28	82	s	Reykjavik	13	55	f	Wash'ton	32	90	f
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Locarno	24	75	f	Rhodes	32	90	s	Wel'ngton	11	52	X
Ch'church	11	52	X	Luxembg	24	75	c	Rio de J	24	75	f	Zurich	23	73	f
Chicago	29	84	f	Luxor	39	102	s	Riyadh	41	106	s				
Cologne	25	77	s	Madrid	30	86	s	Rome	25	77	s				
Corfu	29	84	s	Majorca	28	82	s	S Fr'isco	15	64	s				

Temperatures at midday local time on Saturday X = not available



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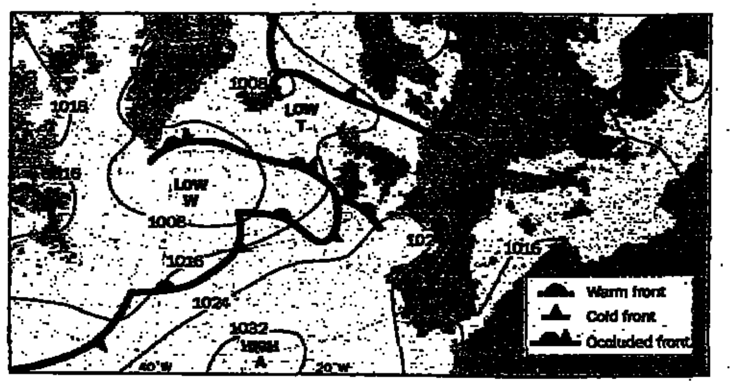

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	08.55	5.9	21.13	5.7	Leith	10.02	4.4	22.37	4.5
Aberdeen	08.49	3.4	21.34	3.4	Liverpool	06.17	7.5	19.00	7.4
Avonmouth	01.37	10.1	14.15	9.8	Lowestoft	05.08	2.1	17.06	2.2
Belfast	06.19	3.0	18.57	2.9	Margate	07.11	3.9	19.33	3.9
Cardiff	01.23	9.5	14.01	9.2	Milford Haven	00.59	5.4	13.38	5.2
Devonport	00.24	4.6	13.07	4.5	Newquay	-	-	12.39	5.3
Dover	05.13	5.3	18.43	5.5	Oban	00.36	3.0	19.52	2.9
Dublin (N Wall)	07.13	3.3	19.48	3.3	Penzance	-	-	[illegible]	4.3
Falmouth		-	12.38	4.3	Portland	01.00	1.3	13.59	1.3
Greenock	07.13	2.9	20.20	2.7	Portsmouth	08.36	3.7	19.17	3.9
Harwich	06.49	3.3	19.11	3.2	Shoreham	06.12	4.6	18.51	4.8
Holyhead	05.33	4.5	18.22	4.4	Southampton	05.49	3.8	18.28	3.9
Hull (Albert D)	01.21	7.1	13.47	7.1	Swansea	01.02	7.4	13.40	7.2
Ilfracombe	00.39	7.1	13.19	6.9	Tees	11.20	4.4	-	-
King's Lynn	01.25	4.9	13.42	5.0	Walton-on-N	06.49	3.4	19.12	3.3

All times BST. Heights in metres.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Margate, Kent, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Carlisle, 1.02in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 13.3hr.

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